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## PRAGUE REJECTS PLEBISCITE PLAN: STATESMEN WRESTLE WITH PROBLEM



GERMAN ARTILLERY in position before a wood near Grossborn, Pomerania, during manoeuvres by the 2nd Army Corps.

### Europe Becomes Divided Continent

EUROPE is rapidly becoming a divided continent of Totalitarians against Democracies.

Hungary and Italy has announced their support of Germany, while Rumania is openly siding with Czechoslovakia.

Belgium has reiterated her neutrality.

Trieste, Sept. 18.

Signor Mussolini demanded a plebiscite for all nationalities in Czechoslovakia to-day. He described Mr. Chamberlain as a "flying messenger of peace" and expressed hope that a peaceful solution would be reached. Mussolini indicated that if a major conflict eventuates Italy has already chosen her position. —Reuter.

#### Would Side With Germany

Rome, Sept. 18.

Signor Mussolini's speech is generally interpreted here as indicating that in the event of war Italy would side with Germany, although it is not clear at what point her benevolent neutrality might develop into armed intervention. The Duce's desire for a peaceful solution is stressed, and the speech is described as a sober contribution to the ultimate settlement. —Reuter.

#### Berlin Satisfaction

Berlin, Sept. 18.

Berlin's reaction to Signor Mussolini's speech is one of utmost satisfaction. The speech is described as extremely helpful, particularly in declaring Italy's support for a plebiscite, which is regarded here as a clear indication where Italy will stand in the event of a Czech refusal. —Reuter.

#### Italy's Stand

Trieste, Sept. 18.

Should a conflict of universal character develop out of the Sudeten

crisis Italy will side with the Reich, declared Signor Mussolini in a speech before 150,000 people here yesterday. He emphasised that a plebiscite is the only solution to the problem. "We hope that even at this late hour a peaceful solution will be found," declared the Duce. "We hope that if this is not possible the conflict will be confined and localised. Should this not be possible and should a campaign of universal character for or against Prague develop, the world must know Italy's side has been chosen." —Trans-Ocean.

#### Budapest Comes Into The Open

Budapest, Sept. 18.

It was officially declared here to-day for the first time that the claim put forward by the Hungarians in Czechoslovakia for self-determination and a plebiscite are supported officially in Budapest. The realisation of those demands constitutes one of the main objects of Hungary's foreign policy. Official comment issued here on the resolution adopted at a meeting in Bratislava of delegates of the United Hungarian Party in Czechoslovakia stresses that this resolution voices the demands of all Hungarians and that the Hungarian nation expects that this demand for the right of self-determination will be granted. —Trans-Ocean.

#### Belgian Neutrality

Brussels, Sept. 18.

The Government's determination to adhere unshakably to its policy of (Continued on Page 4.)

### Czech Soldiers Wounded in New Border Affray

CZECHO-SLOVAKIA HAS CATEGORICALLY REJECTED THE SUGGESTION THAT A PLEBISCITE SHOULD BE HELD TO SOLVE THE SUDETEN PROBLEM.

Although intensive military activity is reported from several capitals, Europe appears to be marking time, awaiting the outcome of the Hitler-Chamberlain conversations and subsequent talks in London between British and French statesmen. Mr. Chamberlain will probably return to Germany to-day.

The official Czech News Agency reports that Czech frontier guards were fired on from German territory at Asch, and two Czech officers were seriously wounded.

Mussolini has indicated that in the event of a European war Italy will side with Germany, but Il Duce's desire for a peaceful solution is stressed. Belgium has announced her unshakeable intention of remaining neutral in the event of war, but Rumania is apparently coming out into the open in support of Czechoslovakia.

#### Anglo-French Proposals

Paris, Sept. 18.

According to a reliable French source the British and French Governments have, as a result of the conversations in London during the week-end, decided to submit to the Czechoslovakian Government the following proposals:—

Attachment of the Sudeten Germans to the Reich, not by plebiscite but by indirect negotiation under the control of an international commission; Guarantee Czechoslovakian independence with her new frontiers by a sort of new Locarno Treaty to which Germany, Poland, Hungary, Rumania, Britain, France and Italy would be signatories; That Czechoslovakia should renounce the treaties of assistance with France and Russia.

It is understood that Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the British Prime Minister, expects to leave on Tuesday or Wednesday for Godesberg for a further meeting with Herr Hitler. —Reuter.

#### Shots Across Border

Prague, Sept. 18.

A number of minor frontier incidents in which Czech frontier guards were fired on from German territory were reported to-day, the most serious being at Asch, according to the official Czech agency.

This report states that between 150 and 200 persons attacked the customs house at the border with rifles and hand grenades and machine guns. —Reuter.

#### Sudeten Corps Formed

Berlin, Sept. 18.

The German News Agency in a message from Dresden states that the formation of a Sudeten Free Corps will become effective immediately, its numbers (about 40,000) being divided into four groups. According to figures published here to-night about 80,000 Sudetens have already crossed the border into Germany. —Reuter.

#### "Hour Is Near"

Berlin, Sept. 18.

Herr Henlein, leader of the Sudetens, is reported by the German News Agency to have issued a proclamation saying "the hour of our liberation is nearing. We offer resistance upon resistance." —Reuter.

#### Hitler's Demands

Paris, Sept. 18.

According to a French despatch from London, Herr Hitler is demanding the return to Germany of all Sudeten areas having a population at least 80 per cent. German.

One fact is certain, says this report, and that is that Herr Hitler is prepared to support his claim with all Germany's military power.

Germany is willing to rest the fate of districts which have a fairly evenly mixed German and Czech population on a plebiscite and, as a last resort, by an exchange of populations. —Reuter.

#### Statesmen In London

London, Sept. 18.

The Premier of France, M. Daladier, and the Foreign Minister, M. Bonnet, reached Croydon at 9.26 a.m. after the second air dash of the present crisis.

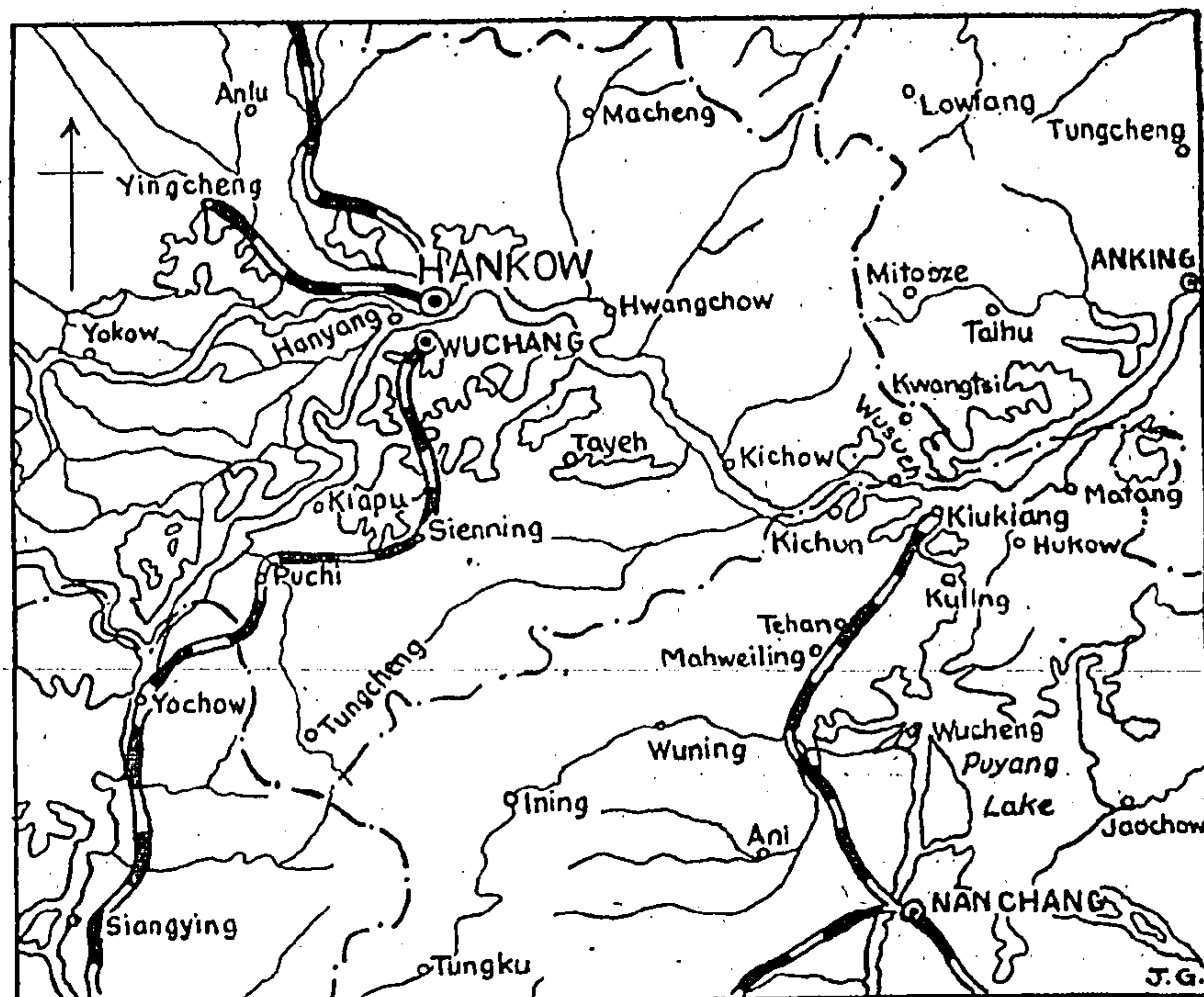
The two diplomats were greeted in the rail by Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax. —Reuter.

#### Must Be Consulted

London, Sept. 18.

It is understood that the Czech Government, through its Minister in London, has notified the British Government apropos the conversations between British leaders and French statesmen, M. Daladier and M. Bonnet, Prague took it for granted that it will be consulted before any decisions are reached.

The Czech Government added that it could not accept any responsibility (Continued on Page 4.)



### Dynamite "Death Squad" Pierces Yangtse Boom

### Race For Hankow

Hankow, Sept. 18.

A STEADY stream of Japanese warships and transports filed through the Red Cliff gorge past fiercely burning Wusueh to-day, following the fall of the city and its two forts.

The Chinese who evacuated Wusueh on Saturday morning are now strongly entrenched in a 600ft. high range of hills four or five miles north-west of the city.

For over a week Wusueh has stood out against an incessant barrage of shells and bombs from aeroplanes above, warships below and artillery in the hills across the river.

Chinese defenders have clung tenaciously to the city, despite one of the most terrific bombardments suffered since the fall of Kiukiang.

Half a mile above Wusueh and its twin city, Makow, is the first of the three remaining booms of sunken ships.

Almost as soon as the Japanese triumphantly entered Wusueh, the invaders' "death squad" of dynamiting divers were at work on the boom, preparing a passage for the waiting transports and warships, which are now only 98 miles by water from the three Wuhan cities.

Japanese naval H.Q. is believed to be hurrying the drive on Hankow owing to the rapidness with which the Yangtse level is now falling. They fear that larger warships and transports may be stranded in the final battle against Hankow.

Military forces, almost standstill on both sides of the Yangtse, are many miles behind the warships, leaving both banks of the river through which the vessels must pass comparatively unprotected.

#### Shangcheng Falls

Hankow, Sept. 18. An official communique admits that Japanese troops occupied Shangcheng at 7 a.m. yesterday, the message adding that fighting is raging in the Hwangchuan area but that the city is still in Chinese hands.

The communique also admits that the Japanese yesterday occupied a strategic point, ten miles west of Juching, along the Yanshi highway. —United Press.

#### Flanking Move

Hankow, Sept. 18.

The Japanese, in pursuance of their usual tactics, are planning to attack the rear of important fortifications designed to prevent the Japanese warships steaming up river.

The latest indication of this plan is a Japanese column which to-day attacked the village four miles north-east of Tienchiachen. Tienchiachen is on the left bank, half way to the famous Split Hill forts, about ten miles up river from Wusueh.

The Japanese troops at Shangcheng appear to be preparing to move southward again towards Macheng. The Chinese troops at Macheng have secured the initiative and are attacking the Japanese all along the line. —United Press.

#### Terrific War Costs

Tokyo, Sept. 18.

With large armed forces still stationed in the Japanese occupied areas in China, Japan's extraordinary military expenditure for the fiscal year of 1939-1940 will exceed 3,250,000,000 yen figure available in the current fiscal year, Domei learned on good authority.

It is understood that detailed figures of the extraordinary military expenditure for the next fiscal year will be fixed in accordance with the prospective situation following the fall of Hankow.

Rough estimates of the ordinary military expenditure for the coming fiscal year have already been submitted by the War Ministry to the Finance Ministry for examination. Part of the extraordinary military (Continued on Page 4.)

### NARCOTICS WAR BY JAPANESE

#### ALLEGATIONS AT GENEVA

Geneva, Sept. 18.

During the consideration of the report of the Advisory Committee of the Drug Traffic, the Chinese representative alleged that the Japanese in China, in pursuance of a pre-conceived plan, were deliberately encouraging illicit use of narcotics, and were destroying the body and soul of the Chinese people by a form of chemical warfare more deadly than the use of poison gases.

In North China, he declared, all legal control of the narcotic trade ceased to exist as soon as the Japanese invasion commenced. —Reuter.

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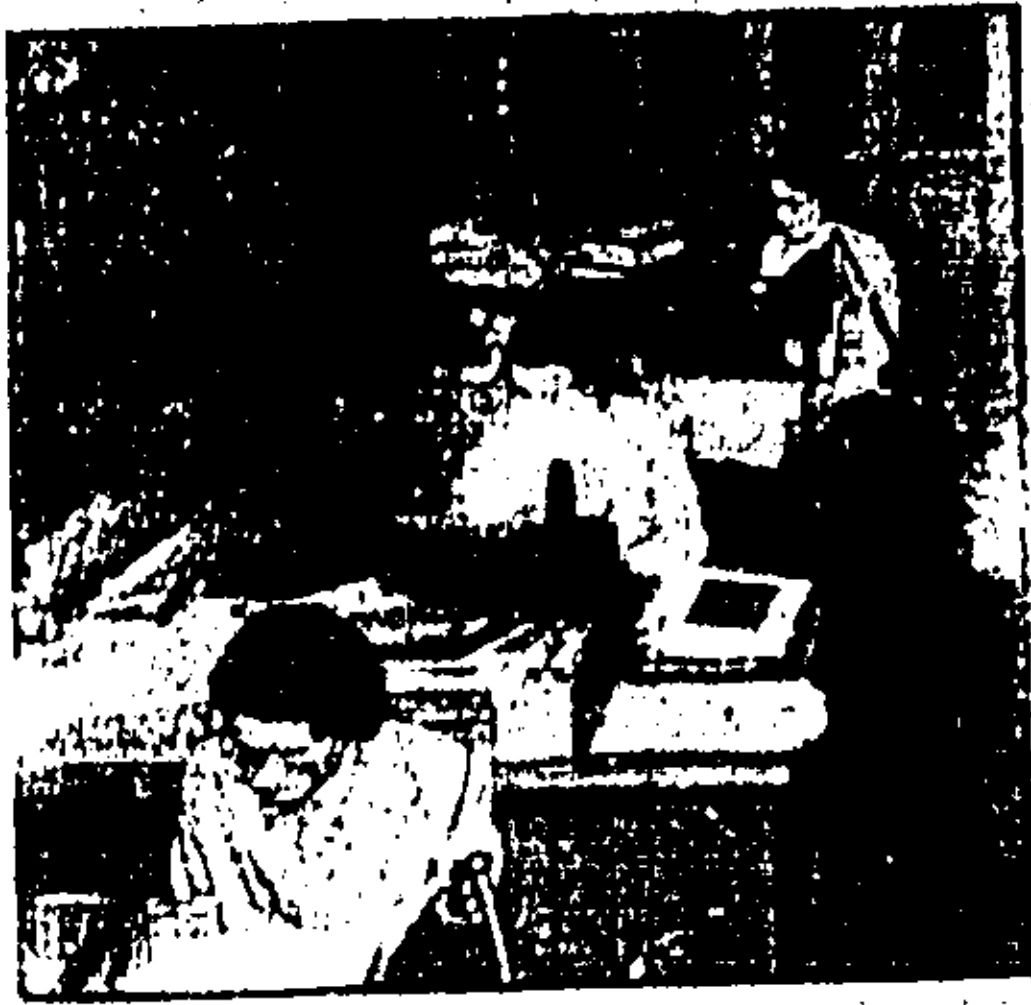
London, Sept. 19.

After a full discussion of the present international situation the representatives of the British and French Governments are in complete agreement regarding the policy to be adopted with a view to promoting a peaceful solution of the Czechoslovakian question, according to the first official statement issued from Downing Street since the momentous meetings between M. Daladier and M. Bonnet began here yesterday morning.

The two Governments hope that hereafter it will be possible to discuss and consider a more general settlement in the interest of European peace, concludes the brief communique. —Reuter.

MUCH SPECULATION has been aroused in Shanghai by the sudden departure for Hongkong of the cruiser Suffolk, pictured above as it arrived in the northern city from Weihaiwei last week. Officials declared cryptically: "The Suffolk's programme has been advanced."





**AT THE OFFICE**  
wool crepe or jersey



**ON HOLIDAY**  
cotton, linen or silk

THE latest news from Paris points to an easy time for the home dress-maker. Lines for day dresses are simple and straightforward, with just a hint of squareness to the shoulders—and sleeves that are long and close fitting with little or no trimming. It's the colour and fabric used that will lend an air of expensiveness to your clothes. For early-on I notice attractive jersey fabrics, boldly striped or with a small conventional patterned design in several colours.

A bunch of anemones will give you a heap of inspiration for colour schemes. Also those delightful fuchsia reds and mauves can be easily combined to give an individual colour note.

Black never outlives its usefulness, and it is very fashionable just now, but it must be allied with a strong contrast of a purply or smoky blue, emerald or a subdued moss green, which is a favourite.

Other favourite hues will be those golden and reddish autumnal tints that you see when the trees are turning, mulberry and plum red.

If you have just returned from your holidays your first need is a new office frock; if you have not yet taken your vacation you are perhaps still needing

short-sleeved frocks to fill in the gaps in your wardrobe.

Styles that button down the front are almost a regulation in both wool and cotton frocks. In pattern No. 1186 is shown a new spaced button fastening; the shoulders are just squared sufficiently to give the new military look to the top of the dress.

A jaunty spotted scarf will give a sporty look to this dress if you make it in linen. With wool crepe or jersey for the office, wear a small piece of soft chiffon at the throat; this is a good way of introducing a smart contrast note. Size 36-in. bust takes 4½ yds. 36-in. fabric, ¾ yd. 36-in. contrast.

Stripes both for dresses and coat frock styles are strongly featured in the fabric world, and pattern No. 1187 is a dress that really slims the figure. Envelope flaps break the otherwise straight lines of the style which has useful pleats in the skirt.

Here again a long-sleeve is included in the pattern as it makes an excellent early autumn style in a warm material.

The same sizes are obtainable—34, 36, and 40-in. bust. Size 36-in. bust takes 5½ yds. 36-in. fabric to make up.

## these frocks are smart FOR WORK OR PLAY



The green jersey frock has buttons all the way and a scarlet-spotted scarf. Envelope flaps trim the gaily-striped silk frock.

## WALK WELL

By A. Mannequin

NO matter how smartly you dress, cause the has been taught that all no matter how charming your movement is rhythm and co-ordination—manner or pretty your looks, you will always appear "unfinished" unless your walk is right. Quite plain girls who can walk with dignity and grace create an impression for which their better-equipped sisters strive without success.

So many women are apt to consider that a proper carriage and a pleasing gait are "gifts." Since we are born unable to walk, this statement is a little difficult to substantiate. If these people were honest with themselves they would agree that they have never taken the trouble to walk properly.

It is no more a "gift" than dancing or piano-playing. Some of us have more natural aptitude for walking than others, but everyone has to develop these talents or pay the price. There is a parable about man who buried his talent.

### The Effect of Bad Eyesight

Many of the commonest causes of bad walking can be quickly and easily remedied—tight shoes, for instance; badly fitting clothes, bad eyesight. Although I have never seen a mannequin wearing glasses, many of the modern styles of frame are most becoming, and the wearing of them is preferable to peering short-sightedly into the distance, a habit which causes an ugly stoop. The constant carrying of an attaché case or heavy handbag, or a conglomeration of parcels, will also mar your walking, perhaps permanently. My three essentials in walking are well are physical fitness, comfortable clothing, and a sense of balance. The last is by far the most important, and I believe that one of the best ways of acquiring it is to take lessons in dancing. Watch a trained dancer in the street and see how smoothly and rhythmically she moves, simply because she is.

Don't under any circumstances overdo it. Girls who swing from the hips are grand hiking companions, but they are not graceful walkers. Try to get that easy carriage where the street and see how smoothly and rhythmically she moves, simply because she is.

## When You Wear Black

A black dress is a stand-by in any wardrobe. With a change of accessories it will appear eternally fresh and smart.

The dress sketched embodies new points that will appear in the autumn fashions. The material is silk jersey, that lovely fabric which drapes so beautifully.

The skirt is pleated all round and the bodice plain and collarless. Notice the sleeves which come just below the elbow and the buttons made of black beetles!

The heart-shaped bag in black suede matches the belt and gloves. Hats are going to tilt forward over the eyes and mount high at the back with nodding plumes this autumn.

The large white pique flower on the dress will be replaced by a fancy clip later on. Large pieces of jewellery, reminiscent of Victorian days, are worn by women in Paris and London. They look well with black frocks. Tiny watches with enamelled bows hang on the lapels of suits, or else a fob or silver chain is worn.

Lockets are sitting on fine chains and look attractive with the fashionable Winterhalter evening gowns, while antique buckles give the right sophisticated touch to an otherwise plain frock.

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## SERVE IT WITH CREAM

### Dressing Up Summer Sweets

LIGHT summer sweets are twice as delicious if you serve them with clotted cream. But clotted cream is somewhat expensive you may think.

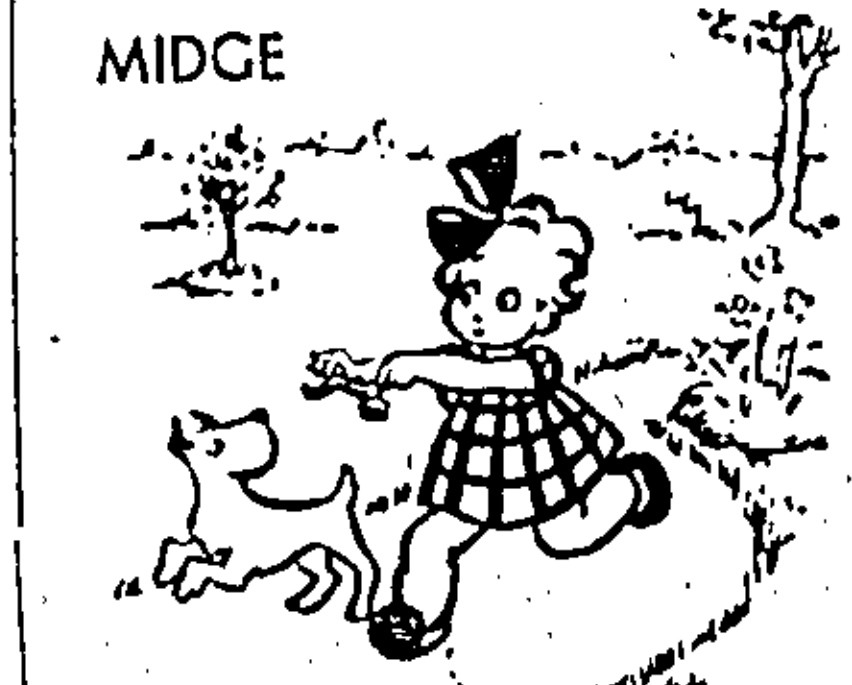
You can, however, make it at home for an amazingly low cost, if you know the secret.

You make it from milk and unsalted butter. The proportions are half a pint to half a pound. (These quantities will make a pint.)

### Correct Texture

First warm the milk and the unsalted butter together in a saucepan, until the butter is melted. Cool the mixture to blood-heat and beat it with a fork to mix the margarine and milk well together.

Then pour it into your cream machine and syringe it through steadily, with a quick, hard stroke, raising the



MIDGE

"Look, Mummy! Here's a worm with a fur collar on!"

handle as high as possible. The cream should be thick and even as it comes through the machine. If it begins to run through too quickly and is too thin, warm the mixture slightly, stir well again, and pump harder. Pour the cream into a wide earthenware pan and stand for two hours. Then stand the casserole over a low heat—the back of a coal range, for example—and heat gradually until the cream reaches the temperature of 100deg. F. This should take about 40-50 minutes. If a gas cooker is used, the casserole should be stood in a pan of water first and heated gradually until the cream reaches a temperature of 100deg. F. Then the casserole can be removed from the pan and heated over a simmering ring until the cream reaches 100deg. F. Cool without removing from the casserole until the following day, when the cream will be found thick and clotted, with the real clotted flavour.

### Loganberry Fool

These sweets are greatly improved by the addition of cream. Try loganberry fool—it's delicious! Pick and hull a pound of loganberries, pass them through a sieve, add caster sugar to taste, and a few drops of colouring. Mix with thick home-made cream.

### Peach Jelly

Fresh or tinned peaches, apricots or any other suitable fruit, make this summer sweet which the children consider a treat. And the secret is the

combination of fresh fruit and cream. Put slices of peaches into a jelly mould rinsed with cold water. If you have a mould with a "well" at the top use this.

### Cherry Delight

A delightful nutty flavour. Soak the cherries and gently simmer them in a little water and sugar, until the stones come away from the fruit. Pass through a sieve, add the juice of an orange, then mix with cream.

### Apple Snow

Healthy and delicious. Pare, core and thinly slice 2lb. apples, stew them until pulpy, with sugar to taste, and cloves or a little grated nutmeg, then pass through a fine sieve.

### Banana Pie

Nourishing dish for the children. Peel five bananas, cut in halves, and arrange in a buttered dish. Sprinkle with two tablespoonfuls of sugar, add a few dabs of butter, and the juice of an orange and lemon. Bake in a moderate oven for twenty minutes. Serve with clotted cream.

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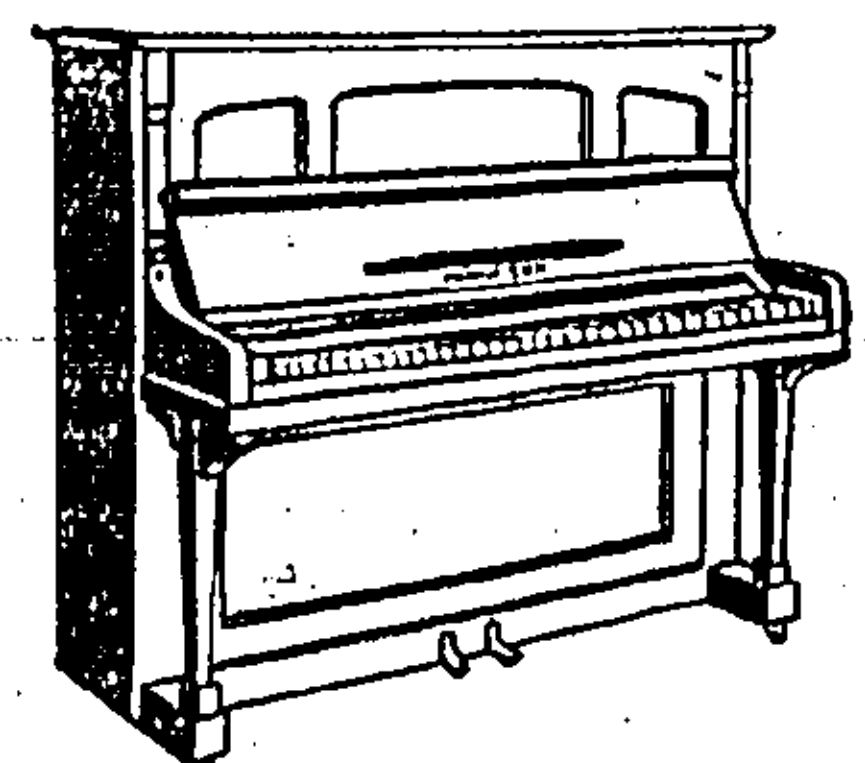
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# 'STEPMOTHER SMOKES 100 A DAY'

## Her Neighbours Are Called 'Malicious'

Plymouth.  
A stepmother, Lillian Florence Northam, who was accused with her third husband, James Northam, at Plymouth recently, was said to smoke 100 cigarettes a day.

The couple were accused of ill-treating Northam's seven-year-old daughter.

Thirty of their neighbours in the village of Weston Mill travelled eight miles to give evidence against them.

Mr. W. E. J. Major, defending, called this evidence malicious.

The case was dismissed, and the chairman said: "The N.S.P.C.C. were quite right to bring this prosecution, but there is an element of doubt."

Seventeen-year-old Leonard Northam told the court that he left home a month ago because his stepmother had made his life a misery. He said that she drank heavily, smoked 100 cigarettes a day, and often flogged his sister.

Neighbours spoke of hearing screams and thuds in the girl's bedroom and the stepmother saying, "Now I will get my own back on you." Soon afterwards the girl ran away from home. She had bruises on her forehead.

### "A LOVELY CHILD"

She had been a "lovely child," had taken prizes at baby shows. It was said, but since her father married again she had become thin. James Northam described his son Leonard as "a liar and a thief—the downfall of my family." Of his daughter he said, "She is wayward and self-willed like her mother was. She screams if we only speak of her."

The stepmother said she chastised the girl only when she needed correction.

Mr. Major contended that the neighbours' evidence was based solely on their dislike of the second Mrs. Northam.

None of them had seen the alleged blows struck. Actually, Mr. Major added, the bruises on the child's forehead were caused by a fall from a swing.

## TWINS MARRY TWINS

It is so Muddling

Chingford, Essex.  
Winifred and Dorothy Riley, twins, who married Leonard and Leslie Bryan, also twins, and set up a multiple home in Almsie Wood-road, Chingford, have decided that the light in the passage has got to be brighter. Why? Because Winnie put her arms round Leslie, thinking he was her own husband, Len.

"Well, the passage is rather badly lit," sighed Dorothy. "But I don't suppose we shall often mix up our husbands." Leslie broke in gallantly:

"I could never mix you up. I'd know that dimple of yours anywhere."

Dorothy and Winifred, blonde, blue-eyed, and just 18 years old, were anxiously watching the effect on their husbands of their first cooking efforts.

"We've never cooked before," explained Dorothy.

### "WE ARE ALL SHY"

Winnie and Len have taken the top half of the house, and Dorothy and Leslie live on the ground floor.

The two flats are furnished exactly alike. Green is their favourite color, and so they have green wallpaper, green upholstery, and green curtains.

"We like quiet colours," explained Dorothy.

"And quiet amusements," said Winnie.

"We are all shy," said Len.

"And we don't like dancing," said Les.

### WATCH For This



Sensational Revival

## The man who did not know himself

New York.  
SURGEONS took bandages recently from the eyes of Farmer Edgar Martin, of Meeker, Oklahoma, who had been blind for twenty-five years, and said, "Now you can see."

Martin pushed the surgeons aside and ran to a mirror.

The last time he looked

in one he was a handsome, black-haired youth of seventeen.

To-day he saw staring back at him from the glass a drab, lined face under hair of grey.

The reflected face showed amazement, then disappointment. Martin turned away from the mirror.

## EMPIRE NEWS

### HEALTH INSURANCE IN NEW ZEALAND

Auckland.  
Dr. Jamieson, the President of the New Zealand branch of the British Medical Association, who refused the Government's invitation to undertake the planning of the medical provisions of the National Health Insurance scheme, states that a secret ballot on the subject was held among members of the branch in June. Out of 913 votes cast, only 45 were in favour of the scheme.

It is believed that the "medical profession suggested that a scheme could be evolved which could be run by the general practitioner and would provide service based on the means of the individual patient."

Mr. Savage, the Prime Minister, states that the scheme, which, in addition to medical benefits, provides for pensions of 30s a week for all at 60, will go forward, in spite of the attitude of the medical profession. The Dominion Friendly Societies' Council is now discussing the legislation.

### AUSTRALIA

### TRAINING FOR HOME DEFENCE

Melbourne.  
The arrival of Lt.-Gen. E. K. Squires, who was appointed Inspector-General of Militia in May, has stimulated interest in problems of defence. There is renewed speculation as to whether the Federal Government will attempt to introduce an extension of citizen training for home defence.

Dissatisfaction with the voluntary militia system is growing, and it is generally felt that some alteration in recruiting methods should be made. The voluntary militia strength is now just over 35,000.

Hugh Trumble's Funeral.—Many cricketers were present at the funeral in Melbourne of the Australian Test cricketer, Hugh Trumble, who died on Sunday. Telegrams of sympathy were received from the M.C.C. and the Australian team in England.

Trade with Switzerland.—Mr. Lyons, the Federal Prime Minister, announces that a trade agreement between Australia and Switzerland has been initiated in London. It will be submitted to the Governments of both countries for approval.

### INDIA

### RIOT NEAR PRINCES' COLLEGE

Bombay.  
Eighty persons were injured during police charges with "slaves" near Rajkumar College, Rajkot, where the sons of ruling chiefs are educated. Rajkot is 120 miles south-west of Ahmedabad.

Despite police warnings, demonstrations took place in the college square, at which protests were made against the appointment of a new Prime Minister.

Thirty persons were injured when the police made their first charge. The crowd, which numbered 10,000, then marched to another area to continue their meeting. In a police charge here 50 persons were injured.

### TO HINDER

Since October last 280 meetings have been held, mainly in the Punjab, in aid of the campaign against recruiting for his Majesty's forces in India. Congress is vigorously opposing the bill in the Central Legislative Assembly designed to penalize activities.

Speaking in support of the bill Mr. Maxwell, the Home Member, accused the Congress party of gambling with India's safety. He attacked the Opposition leader, Mr. Satyamurthi, for talking in the same breath of non-violence and the "iniquities" of British foreign policy.

### SOUTH AFRICA

### PERSONAL TAX ALLOWANCES

Cape Town.  
The Administrator of the Cape has announced that the 50 per cent. allowance on the personal tax on income of Cape taxpayers last year will not be granted this year.

This means, if the Provincial Council agrees, that married people with an income of £240 and over will have to pay a maximum of £23, instead of £10s, and unmarried people £23, instead of £22 10s.

## Crops Ruined By Rabbits

### Farmers Use Gas To Keep Them Down

An increase in the number of rabbits, due to exceptionally favourable breeding-conditions in the Spring, is causing exceptional losses to farmers in many parts of Britain.

In the West Riding farmers are using gas to keep the rabbits down. Turnips and other crops have been spoiled by having the tops eaten off when young. Often large areas of corn fields are flattened out by the continual passage of rabbits.

An official of the National Farmers' Union told the Daily Telegraph: "Resolutions sent in by our country branches in the North and West Ridings of Yorkshire, Buckinghamshire, Berkshire, Dorset and other places call for legislation to counter the rabbit pest."

A bill empowering county councils to order owners or occupiers of rabbit-infested land to take precautions to prevent damage to neighbouring crops was introduced by Lord Sempill on July 25.

### EARLY WHEAT RUINED

Mr. Cooke, county chairman of the N.F.U. Buckinghamshire branch, said that in some cases early wheat and hay crops had been entirely ruined.

The secretary of the Buckinghamshire branch, Mr. E. E. Moorhead, said: "I recently heard of a farmer who refused to take a number of acres, even at a very low rent, because it was known to be infested with rabbits. Farmers will not take such land rent-free."

An official of the Ministry of Agriculture admitted that there was undoubtedly an increase in the number of rabbits, but said that it did not seem to be prevalent all over the country. "Rabbits increase and decrease in cycles," he added "and at present they are on the increase."

### Boy Spends Rare Coin

Maquoketa, Ia.  
Bobby Powers, 10-year-old son of Willis Powers, Maquoketa numismatist, is in bad repute with his father. The lad took a 100-year-old half-dime from his father's collection and spent it by mistake.

## Lucky Jim Will Still Toy With Death

In Hollywood, Mayfair, and St. Moritz they call Mr. Walter Hollard Lawrence, 30-years-old son of Sir Walter Lawrence, of Hyde Hall, Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire, "Lucky Jim."

He has toyed repeatedly with death in motor races, on the Cresta Run, and in the air since his youth, and now he is well on the way to almost complete recovery from the injuries he received in the aeroplane crash in which his close friends Lord and Lady Plunket and their pilot lost their lives in California in February.

His broken leg still in bandages, he said recently at Hyde Hall that he hopes to compete again for his Cresta trophies next winter (if not this), and that he has not abandoned the idea of playing squash for the Bachelor Club again.

"As for the Cresta . . . well, I hold two magnificent cups and I'm loath to let them go," he said. "The crash has not destroyed my nerve."

"I was lucky not to lose my leg, and I shall still be able to play games after a fashion." To the magnificent 6ft. 3in. man who is not only first-class on the "bob" run, but a mainstay with bat and ball on his father's private cricket ground, and one of the fraternal triumvirate who successfully challenged any other three brothers in England to a squash match, this is of tremendous importance.

Probably one of the dozen best men in Society on the ballroom floor, he also appreciates the fact that he will be able to dance again.

But the accident had made a deep psychological impression on him. "There is only one thing

for me to do at present—work," he said. "The crash has affected my whole outlook and you won't see me around the West End so much."

By work he means carrying out his duties as governing director of his father's building firm in London.

Perhaps "Jim" Lawrence's most famous motoring exploit was racing the Blue Train from Calais to Cannes (720 miles) and beating it by an hour.

His strength and endurance are terrific, and it is to this that he owes his life. His struggle to live astonished his doctors, I am told.

"The consolation of the crash," he concluded, "is that I made lots of new friends while I was recuperating in Hollywood. Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., and Norma Shearer, were marvellously good to me."

## General's Lack Of Sleep

### DEPRESSED, SHOT HIMSELF

The tragedy of a general who had been five times mentioned in despatches and had not slept properly since the war, was revealed at an inquest before the borough coroner, Mr. J. E. Chapple, at Hythe Town Hall, Kent.

Dr. Stanley Williamson gave evidence that he had attended Brigadier Philip Patrick Evelyn de Berry, who was 66 of Erisfield Road, Hythe, for a painful complaint. It was not malignant, and he was making progress, but he was difficult to convince that this was so.

Gen. de Berry was very introspective and inclined to take too much notice of his symptoms. He had never been a good sleeper, but during his recent illness had been worse. The doctor said he called at the general's house at 8.30 on Sunday morning and found that he had shot himself in the head with a revolver and then fallen to the floor.

### FIT OF DEPRESSION

Agnes Rose MacKinn, a widow, who had been housekeeper to the general for the past year, said he had told her he had not slept properly since the war.

The Coroner, in giving his verdict, said that although Gen. de Berry had been suffering from a painful complaint of which he took a serious view, he had been progressing satisfactorily, and in ordinary circumstances would have made a good recovery.

"His nerves being bad, his illness combined to make him really depressed. During one of these fits of depression, in the middle of the night, when he was alone and could not sleep, he took his life."

"My verdict is that he died through shock from wounds caused by a revolver bullet, self-inflicted while the balance of his mind was disturbed."

The Coroner added: "It is sad to think that this is the end of a brilliant career spent in the service of his country."

## Hospitals Must Be Ready Says Health Minister

Mr. Walter Elliot, Minister of Health, says that every hospital in Britain must be ready to receive air raid casualties in a circular he sent to country and borough councils.

Councils, he says, should anticipate plans which will be submitted to them by considering how they can expand existing bed accommodation to meet air raid requirements.

The distinction drawn between casualty clearing and base hospitals is not altogether tenable, he maintains, and he is "giving urgent consideration" to plans to use all suitable accommodation, whether in municipal or general hospitals.

Hospital officers have been appointed in different parts of the country to consider what casualty organizations will be best suited to their areas. In the event of a serious emergency, every hospital in the country may be required to play some part," says Mr. Elliot.

"Every hospital must be prepared to receive casualties arising from an air raid in the immediate locality; and, in addition, every hospital except those situated in areas which may be expected to be particularly subject to attack, and certain hospitals where special medical considerations arise, must be prepared to receive, for such further treatment as may be required, both the casualties and ordinary patients whom it may be necessary to transfer from the more dangerous areas."

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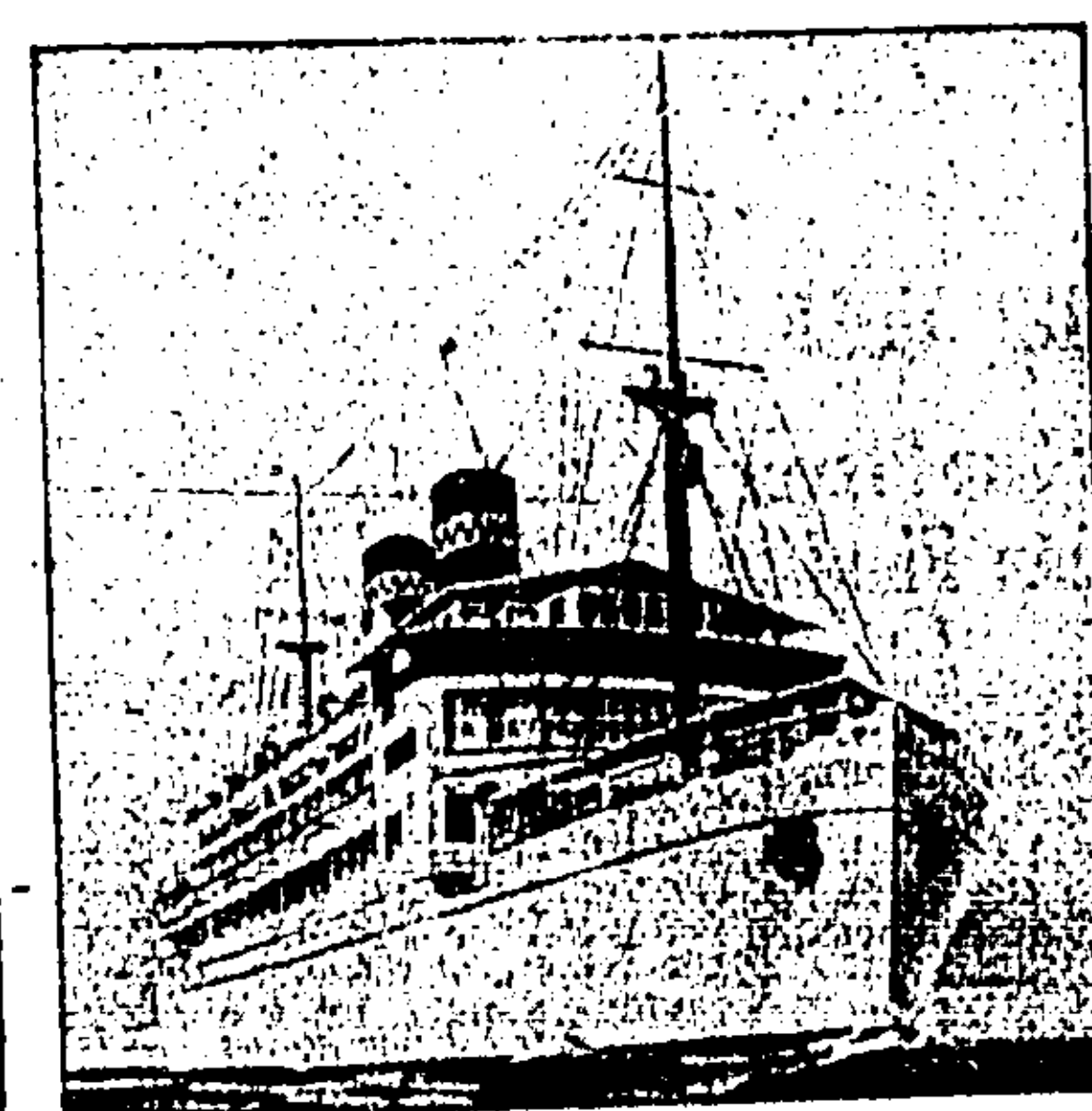
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### DYNAMITE "DEATH SQUAD" PIERCES YANGTSE BOOM

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Expenses will be used for replenishing the air force in view of the China affair as well as the delicate international situation, it is further pointed out.—Domet.

### Shangcheng's Fall

Hankow, Sept. 18. Admitting the fall of Shangcheng, in south-eastern Honan, Chinese Military Headquarters reported yesterday that the defenders were stubbornly holding on to Huangchuan (Kwangchow) in the same sector.

A heavy downpour is making conditions most unpleasant for the Chinese and Japanese forces fighting just outside the city. Chinese forces are being rushed into the disputed area between the Hupoh border and the Peking Hankow Railway.

The communique states that after severe fighting on the outskirts of Shangcheng about 6,000 Japanese troops entered the city on Friday afternoon. On the South Yangtze front the Japanese and Chinese troops are facing each other at Fengchiang and Chichuanling, west of Juchang. The Japanese occupied Shanchuanling, according to the Chinese communique, after several days of desperate fighting and now the Chinese are launching a counter-attack in the hope of recapturing the last hill, according to a military despatch from Tahan.

At the same time the Chinese soldiers are said to be engaging two detachments of Japanese troops at Panchashan, east of Wusueh, which is practically levelled to the ground by the severe naval and aerial bombardments which assisted the artillery attack.—Reuter.

### Mukden Anniversary

Shanghai, Sept. 19. The seventh anniversary of the Mukden incident passed quietly here while drizzling cool rain dampened the spirits of any would-be demonstrators.

Chinese flags were at half-mast in the Settlement and the French Concession and places of amusement were closed.

Chinese business houses offered yesterday's profits to the Government, while Chinese residents were asked to eat only vegetables and save the meat and fish money for refugees. Communications by land or ground waterways with the outskirts of Shanghai were blocked by Japanese to thwart guerrillas, and ferry boats and river boat services were suspended in the Whangpoo. The Chinese wireless stations were all silent and at midnight not a single bombing or shooting has been reported.—Reuter.

### CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF

### Former Walker Cup Player Wins American Final

Oakmont, Sept. 17. In the final, over 30 holes, of the American Amateur Golf Championship, William Turnesa, the former Walker Cup player, beat B. P. Abbott, who works as a film extra in Hollywood, by 8 and 7. The winner led by five at the 18th.

In the morning round, Turnesa played a succession of the most

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Hongkong, 14th September, 1938.

#### 21,250 TOURNAMENT

Walton Heath, Sept. 16. In the final of the £1,250 Golf Tournament, Dai Rees, the Welsh professional and winner of the 1930 competition, beat Eddie Walcombe, the youngest member of the famous golfing family, by 4 and 3 over 30 holes. Rees led by 4 up at the eighteenth.—Reuter.

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## Doped Woman Tells Of Night-Club Life

### FOUND UNCONSCIOUS AFTER DRINKS WITH MAN

"A man offered to drive me to my address. . . I had a drink with him. . . I do not know if my vermouth was doped, but soon after I got into the car I lost consciousness and awoke in hospital."

This was the story told by dark-haired, hazel-eyed Mrs. Sybil Wethered, 33-year-old widow of Major Hugh E. Wethered, who was found doped and unconscious in the fashionable Paris suburb of Neuilly a month ago.

Last week she left the British hospital in Paris, fully recovered.

#### "LIFE WAS HELL"

Mrs. Wethered told a Daily Mail reporter of her life, from leaving home at the age of 19 until the night she felt victim to the Paris underworld.

"My father has been dead some years now," she said. "It seems terrible to say such a thing, but my life was made a hell when he and I lived together near Great Yarmouth. He became over-religious, forbade me to go to cinemas or to touch alcohol."

"Naturally, when I was told in this way not to touch alcohol, I began to wonder what it could be. At the age of 16 I went out, bought a bottle of wine, and drank the lot, returning home intoxicated."

"Three years later we quarrelled. He shouted to me, 'You can go!' and I left for London at once. My mother had died when I was 12, and I had no other relatives."

"I earned my living by doing film and mannequin work in London until, about four years ago, I met my husband in the West End."

#### "ENTHRALLED"

"We loved each other immediately, and not long afterwards were married in Scotland. As far as I remember his family knew nothing about the marriage. Anyhow, we were too much enthralled in ourselves to think about anything else."

"My husband was a brilliant chemist," Mrs. Wethered went on. "As I had experience of beauty culture, we planned to make cosmetics. While we were visiting Jersey, I fell in love with a bungalow on the top of the cliffs near St. Aubyn. There we settled down and, for a time, were wonderfully happy."

"Then my husband was taken ill. He went into a nursing home and died suddenly."

"It was such a shock to me that I felt I was living in some terrible nightmare. Although I had only £70, I felt I had to get out of England and change my environment."

"The first place I thought of was Le Touquet, and I took the boat for France on July 11. I stayed at one of the best hotels and, still feeling as if I were going through some awful dream, began to gamble and go to night clubs. I spent more than £5 a day."

"Just look at a few of the entries I made in my diary at Le Touquet: 'A dinner-party to-night. . . charming Russian violinist serenaded me. I danced with him. . . Party broke up at 4 a.m.'"

"Met the Russian violinist to-night. He has the saddest blue eyes in the world and is altogether adorable. What shall I do about him? We meet to-morrow. He dances perfectly. . . Gambled at the casino. Lost my money. Tried another casino. Little better luck."

"Mean to go to Mass, but did not get up till midday. Now I feel bored here. Went to a tea dance where the Russian is playing in the band. He is disappointing."

"Among the people I met was a 24-year-old dancer, Mlle. Juliette Burthe, who made my acquaintance in a night club."

"She was good company. I danced. Life seemed to move easily. For a few minutes every now and then I completely forgot my troubles."

#### BECAME UNCONSCIOUS

"I drank more than I should have done and eventually Mlle. Burthe and myself went to Paris. I arranged to meet her one day, and went to a shabby little street where she was supposed to live, and it was here that a man spoke to me and offered to drive me to her address. 'I had had a French vermouth with him and left the table for a few minutes to telephone. 'I don't know whether during that time drugs were put into my glass. At any rate, soon after I got into the car I became unconscious and knew nothing more until I awoke in the Paris hotel. I was told that there was the mark of a hypodermic syringe on my leg. 'Now what am I to do, I don't want to go back to England. I dislike the people I know there. I dislike the life there, the climate, and all the rest of it. 'When I came to France I was deeply distressed. I felt different now, but life is not easy. I am trying to obtain a post in Malta or in Jersey, or perhaps in France, but I feel I shouldn't go back to England."

## OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"The Emperor's Candlesticks" (King's Theatre, to-day).—Judged by ordinary standards, this would probably be called a good picture; but because one has come to expect so much of a film in which William Powell and Luise Rainer co-star, this seems a trifle disappointing. However, don't be misled, for there are some good bits in this picture. And apart from the stars, there are Robert Young, Maureen O'Sullivan and Frank Morgan, who themselves are good enough to top the bill in any picture.

"The Life of Emile Zola" (Queen's Theatre, to-day).—Not a new picture and therefore needs little introduction. Suffice to say, however, that the main role gives that great actor, Paul Muni, enough opportunities to display his ability. The film moves round his every action.

"Sky Giant" (Alhambra Theatre, to-day).—Richard Dix, Chester Morris and Joan Fontaine in an action picture with the sky as the background. Moves at a good pace.

"Held" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—Shirley Temple fans, especially those who regard her as potentially a dramatic actress, will probably find this her best picture. Adapted from Johanna Spyri's childhood story, it tells how Heidi softens a lonely grandfather, encourages a little invalid girl to walk, saves the girl's father from a marital machination of a house-keeper and is herself barely saved from being sold to the gypsies. The tears flow copiously at times.

"Rosale" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—This show is an example of what is known as a "musical extravaganza." Nelson Eddy sings well enough, Eleanor Powell dances in her best form and there are some nice songs, but somehow one gets the impression that something better might have been made of it.

## EUROPE BECOMES DIVIDED CONTINENT

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Independence in the present crisis was expressed again in an official communique to-day. The message states that in the Government's opinion the summoning of Parliament and the Foreign Affairs Commission is not necessary at present, but it adds that the Government is certain that its policy will not only contribute to the general maintenance of peace in Europe but will also serve to extend to the utmost the chances of Belgium escaping the dangers of war.—Reuter.

### Women Mobilised

Bucharest, Sept. 18. A decree providing for the compulsory mobilisation of women in time of war was signed by King Carol to-day.

The decree states that in case of need Rumanian women can be called up for war, either individually or in classes, for service in any sphere in which the Government thinks them best fitted.—Reuter.

### Railways Rushed

Bucharest, Sept. 18. Rumania has increased her labour forces working on the railway which is to link Czechoslovakia with Russia in almost a direct line.

Without excitement troops have been shifted to points where they might be needed in case of disorders or conflicts.

Measures have been taken in the cities to prevent the hoarding of supplies, and peasants have established a liaison between villages in order that they can be informed immediately in case of a general mobilisation order.

The proposal of a plebiscite in Czechoslovakia is disfavoured here as it is feared that it might mean a plebiscite in parts of Rumania at a later date.—Reuter.

### Canada Prepared

Ottawa, Sept. 18. If the occasion demands, the Canadian Government is prepared to immediately summon Parliament and submit recommendations to it, said the Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, explaining his statement earlier today that the Canadian Government's position with regard to the situation in Central Europe.—Reuter.

### Moroccan Support

Rabat, Sept. 18. "Whatever happens in the event of a conflict in Europe and if the worst befalls, I resolutely assure you that the Sultan of Morocco and all his subjects stand by France," declared the Sultan, addressing the French Resident General here to-day. He added that his subjects regarded France as their second country.—Reuter.

## PRAGUE REJECTS PLEBISCITE PLAN: STATESMEN WRESTLE WITH PROBLEM

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for decisions reached without its consent.

The French Ministers left Downing Street at 7.40 p.m. after having spent over six and a half hours in the morning and afternoon sessions with the British officials. They returned again in the evening, however, for further discussions.

It is learned that a report of the events of to-day will probably be made at a Cabinet meeting to-day.—Reuter.

### Plebiscite Rejected

Prague, Sept. 18. The Premier, Mr. Emil Hodza, in a broadcast to the nation, categorically rejected the idea of a plebiscite as a solution to the Czech problem.

He emphasised the strong desire of the Government to achieve a peaceful solution but it was not only the question of peace but also the question of an honourable integrity of the Czechoslovakian State, the future which had to be considered.

He warmly defended the Government's strong measures to suppress revolt and denied that these could be described as persecution.

The exceptional measures taken to maintain order and security have been justified and they will be extended or maintained as long as necessary, he declared.—Reuter.

### Opinion Stiffens

Prague, Sept. 18. Public opinion is stiffening against a plebiscite as a solution of the minority problem. There is almost complete unanimity in the newspapers against any such move even in order to avoid war.

The Premier, Mr. Emil Hodza, re-stating that Herr Helein's refusal to come to an agreement with the Government, and notwithstanding the attempts at insurrection, states that the Government is prepared to continue its policy of coming to an understanding with the various nationalities, especially the valdett minority, but at the same time maintains its demand for complete integrity of the State of Czechoslovakia as a basis while pursuing negotiations on the most recent proposals.—Reuter.

### Late Session

London, Sept. 18. The French Ministers, though they were expected at 9.30 p.m. at Downing Street, did not return for their evening session with the British officials until 10.15 p.m., having in the meantime conferred among themselves.—Reuter.

### King at Windsor

London, Sept. 18. The King left Buckingham Palace on Friday evening for the Royal Lodge at Windsor, where he spent the week-end.—British Wireless.

### London Demonstration

London, Sept. 19. A demonstration of considerable proportions was held by the Communists in Trafalgar Square yesterday afternoon. The meeting was in protest against the proposal of a plebiscite in Czechoslovakia.

It was demanded by the speakers that an Anglo-French-Soviet front be formed for the "suppression of the Fascist war agitators and the preservation of Czechoslovakia." —Trans-Ocean.

## SUCCESS OF NEW A. A. GUN

A towed target has been brought down for the first time by the new 3.7 anti-aircraft gun. And the crew had only two hours' instruction.

The gun, performance of which is being kept a close secret, has an enormous "ceiling." It could fire a shell over Mount Everest (29,000 ft.). The feat was performed by the 54th City of London (Anti-Aircraft Brigade) T.A., at its camp on the Norfolk coast.

A composite team from the three batteries of the brigade manned the gun and controlling instruments under the command of Lieut. N. F. Godfrey.

Out of six rounds four registered effective hits on the target at a distance of three miles.

The sixth round also cut the target from the tow line and it fell into the sea. The officer and men who took part in the shoot had been trained on the three-inch gun.

The results are taken as proof that officers and men so trained can rapidly be made proficient in the use of the new 3.7 gun.

## SONS BORN SAME DAY TO TWINS

Sons have been born on the same day to Mrs. Douglas Robinson, of Far Hills, New Jersey, and Mrs. Francis T. Carmody, of New York—the twin daughters of Mr. Nathan L. Miller, Governor of New York, 1921-23.

The same doctor attended both mothers in the same hospital.

Mrs. Robinson was married in 1933. Her husband is a son of a nephew of President Theodore Roosevelt. Mrs. Carmody was married last year.

## POST OFFICE.

### AIR MAIL SERVICES

Air Mail Services to China are temporarily suspended.

### VIA SIBERIA ROUTE

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### PARCEL POST

Parcel Post Service to the Province of Yunnan is temporarily suspended.

### OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

### INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due.
Tientsin and Swatow	Chekiang	September 19.
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Hoihow	Kwangchow	September 19.
Java and Manila	Tientsin	September 19.
Java	Tientsin	September 19.
Straits (Parcels only)	Cremer	September 20.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways"	Imperial Airways	
Direct Service—London date,	Plane	September 20.
14th September.		
Japan	Jeyapore	September 20.
Shanghai and Swatow	Newchwang	September 20.
Japan and Shanghai	Sarpedon	September 20.
Straits	Boisevalin	September 22.
U. S. A., Japan and Shanghai	Emp. of Asia	September 22.
(Vancouver B.C. date, 3rd Sept.)	Fridurum	September 22.
Tientsin and Swatow	Hosang	September 22.
Shanghai and Swatow	Hupoh	September 22.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways"	Pan-American Airways	
Direct Service—San Francisco date, 14th September.	Plane	September 22.
Japan	Santhin	September 22.
Japan and Shanghai	Scharnhorst	September 22.
Japan and Shanghai	Atsuta Maru	September 23.
Straits	Behar	September 23.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways"	Imperial Airways	
Direct Service—London date, 17th September.	Imperial Airways Plane	September 23.
Shanghai	Laomedon	September 23.
Straits and Manila	Mennon	September 24.
Straits (Parcels only)	Mentor	September 24.
Manila	Roseville	September 25.
Amoy	Tjilalok	September 25.
Straits	Hakone Maru	September 26.
Parcels from Calcutta and Straits	Yusang	September 26.
Japan	Bokuyo Maru	September 27.
Parcels from Calcutta and Straits	Sirdhana	September 27.
Tientsin and Swatow	Yunnan	September 27.
Saigon	Athos II	September 28.
Manila	Neptuna	September 28.
Straits	Burdwan	September 29.

### OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Monday		
Air Mail for "Imperial Direct Service"—due 26th September.	Imperial Airways Plane London.	Mon., Sept. 19. K.P.O. Reg. .... Sept. 19, 5 p.m. Ord. .... Sept. 19, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. Reg. .... Sept. 19, 5 p.m. Ord. .... Sept. 19, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 26th September.	Imperial Airways Plane .. A.A	Mon., Sept. 19. K.P.O. Reg. .... Sept. 19, 5 p.m. Ord. .... Sept. 19, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. Reg. .... Sept. 19, 5 p.m. Ord. .... Sept. 19, 7 p.m.
Tuesday		
Kongmoon	On Lee	Tues., Sept. 20, 9 a.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Sulyang	Tues., Sept. 20, 10 a.m.
Parcels only for Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Kumsang	Tues., Sept. 20, Noon.
Haiphong	Canlon	Tues., Sept. 20, 2 p.m.
Swatow	Haitan	Tues., Sept. 20, 3.00 p.m.
Swatow and Shanghai	Kingyuan	Tues., Sept. 20, 4.30 p.m.
Parcels only for Singapore, Penang, Ceylon, Aden, Egypt and London—due London, 26th October.	Sarpedon	Tues., Sept. 20, 5 p.m.
Wednesday		
Samshui and Wuchow	Tai Hing	Wed., Sept. 21, 8.15 a.m.
Kongmoon	Fook On	Wed., Sept. 21, 10 a.m.
Amoy	Shantung	Wed., Sept. 21, 10.30 a.m.
*Swatow, Saigon and *Bangkok	Kweiyang	Wed., Sept. 21, 12.30 p.m.
Swatow, Foochow and Tientsin	Leesang	Wed., Sept. 21, 12.30 p.m.
Thursday		
Haiphong	Ninghal	Thurs., Sept. 22, 8.30 a.m.
Kongmoon	Tai Lee	Thurs., Sept. 22, 11 a.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 29th September.	Pan-American Airways Plane	Thurs., Sept. 22. K.P.O. Reg. .... Sept. 22, 8.30 a.m. Ord. .... Sept. 22, 9 a.m. G.P.O. Reg. .... Sept. 22, 8.30 a.m. Ord. .... Sept. 22, 9 a.m.
Swatow, *Shanghai and Tientsin	Tai Seun Hong	Thurs., Sept. 22, 2.30 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Asia	Thurs., Sept. 22, 5 p.m.
*Manila and Parcels only for Germany via Hamburg	Scharnhorst	Thurs., Sept. 22, 5 p.m.
Japan	Hosang	Thurs., Sept. 22, 6.00 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 26th September.	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs., Sept. 22. K.P.O. Reg. .... Sept. 22, 5 p.m. Ord. .... Sept. 22, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. Reg. .... Sept. 22, 5 p.m. Ord. .... Sept. 22, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 1st October	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs., Sept. 22. K.P.O. Reg. .... Sept. 22, 5 p.m. Ord. .... Sept. 22, 5.30 p.m. G.P.O. Reg. .... Sept. 22, 5 p.m. Ord. .... Sept. 22, 7 p.m.
Friday		
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Conte Verde	Fri., Sept. 23, 8.30 a.m.
Haiphong	Yatahing	Fri., Sept. 23, 10 a.m.
Amoy	Tinggara	Fri., Sept. 23, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow and Shanghai	Taiyuan	Fri., Sept. 23, 4.30 p.m.
South Africa, Aden, Egypt and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 6th October	Atsuta Maru	Fri., Sept. 23. G.P.O. and K.P.O. Reg. .... Sept. 23, 4.15 p.m. Ord. .... Sept. 23, 5 p.m.
Straita, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 22nd October.	Behar	Fri., Sept. 23. G.P.O. and K.P.O. Reg. .... Sept. 23, 4.15 p.m. Ord. .... Sept. 23, 5 p.m.
Shanghai	Tjisaroeca	Fri., Sept. 23, 5 p.m.
Saturday		
Salgon	Helikon	Sat., Sept. 24, 5 p.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kiangsu	Sat., Sept. 24, 5 p.m.
Sunday		
*Swatow, Foochow and *Tientsin	Hupei	Sun., Sept. 25, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Shanghai and Tientsin	Takasang	Sun., Sept. 25, 9.00 a.m.
Tuesday		
Fort Bayard and Haiphong	Jean Dupuis	Tues., Sept. 27, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow and Shanghai	Yingchow	Tues., Sept. 27, 8.30 a.m.



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## C. N. Officer Dies In Peak Hospital

The death occurred yesterday at the War Memorial Nursing Home of Mr. Joseph William Walker, Chief Officer in the service of the China Navigation Company.

Mr. Walker was a native of Cockermouth, England, and was 39 years of age. He came out from Home in 1933 to join the China Navigation Company as second officer, and had for some time past been on the company's shore staff as cargo supervisor, being shortly due to go on long leave. His mother is still living at Cockermouth.

The funeral will take place at 5 p.m. to-day, the cortege going through the Stubbs Road entrance to the Colonial Cemetery.

#### Burial at Sea

The funeral of Captain J. W. Riddock, who died in Shanghai on August 24, took place yesterday afternoon from the Missions to Seamen launch Dayspring in Green Island Channel.

Aboard the launch were the widow, Mrs. O. V. Prasadov, Mrs. M. S. Rose, Dr. Grace, Miss Tester, Dr. M. E. Asker, Captain H. W. Walker, Captain J. McCool, Messrs. W. C. Bird, W. Forrester, W. Greig, W. E. Kirby, H. R. Middleton, H. M. Rogers, W. F. Simpson and F. C. Wall.

Rev. Cyril Brown, chaplain of the Missions to Seamen, conducted a short service during which he recited Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar." During the committal, Captain Riddock's last command, the Sul Tai, bound for Macao, passed slowly by and stopped her engines in respect. The ship's flag was half-masted.

## Norwegians' Reception For Doyen

On Saturday afternoon, the Consul General for Norway in Shanghai, Mr. N. Aall, who for several years has been the doyen of the Consular Body in Shanghai, and is well known in China and the Far East generally, passed through Hongkong on his way to his new appointment as Minister for Norway in Brazil. On the occasion of his departure from China after more than sixteen years' service out here, the Norwegian community of Hongkong gathered at a reception given by the Consul for Norway, Mr. Karsten Larssen, at the Hongkong Hotel, to bid Mr. Aall farewell.

During the reception, Mr. Aall decorated Mr. Larssen, on behalf of the Norwegian Government, with the Order of St. Olaf, for his Consular services in Hongkong, from which he will be retiring shortly.

Mr. Aall left again at 8 p.m. by the French mail steamer.

Before he left Shanghai, the departing Consul was the guest of honour at several gatherings, where his services were tributed by various members of the community.

## Mrs. Haldane Arrives From London

Mrs. Charlotte Haldane, wife of Professor Haldane, reached Hongkong on Saturday by the Imperial Airways plane Della, after a day's delay at Bangkok on her journey from London.

She is on her way to China as a special correspondent of the London Daily Herald and is commissioned to write articles on the work and activities of Chinese women during the war.

She said that she hoped to have personal interviews with all the prominent Chinese women leaders, and to see for herself in China the different kinds of work being done by women. She plans to leave Hongkong for Canton on Tuesday, and will return to the Colony before proceeding to Hankow, by air if possible. Altogether she will spend about five weeks in China before sailing for London by an Empress liner.

On Saturday evening a cocktail party reception to Mrs. Haldane was held at the residence of the Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke.



Mrs. Haldane was present at the recent Conference in Paris of the International Peace Campaign, at which it was decided to maintain an International Peace Hospital in China. It will be one of her tasks to discuss this matter in China, and in general, on behalf of the London China Campaign Committee and the Paris Amis du Peuple Chinois, to discuss with Chinese leaders the best way to organise relief work and propaganda on behalf of China in England and France.

#### Aid for China

Mrs. Haldane represents the Comité Mondial des Femmes contre la Guerre et le Fascisme in France and England. The women of this Committee intend to make an intensive effort to aid China and in this connection Mrs. Haldane brings letters of sympathy and a donation of medical supplies from several prominent Englishwomen, including Lady Knatchbull-Hugessen, Lady Juliet Williams, Lady Listowel, Miss Megan Lloyd-George M.P., Mrs. Clement Attlee, Mrs. Harold Laski,

## Lost Clipper Crashed Off Samar?

Manila, Sept. 18. The correspondent of the Manila Tribune has gone to the village of Malaga on the west coast of Samar in an effort to check rumours of the discovery of aeroplane wreckage.

He interviewed a fisherman who shortly after July 20 was fishing 10 miles off Samar when he saw a big white plane burst into flames and crash into the sea, later sinking.

The local school teachers, speaking of the same time, said "the plane had only three propellers."

Several residents reported the crash, and said they saw quantities of oil washed ashore on July 30.

Pan American Airways officials say there is a bare possibility that the plane is the lost Hawaii Clipper. An immediate investigation will be undertaken.—United Press.

#### Crash Reports Coincide

Manila, Sept. 18. The correspondent of the Manila Tribune has interviewed an unknown school-teacher at Malahog, near Malaga, who saw the plane crash and then sink. His location coincides with the fishermen's report.

The spot is considerably to the south-west of the Clipper's usual course. It is not mentioned why residents failed to report the crash earlier, but a possible explanation is that their position is an extremely isolated one and they may never have heard of the Clipper service.—United Press.

Lost on July 30. The Hawaii Clipper was reported lost on July 30 on its flight between Guam and Manila, the last message being received from the plane when it was 565 miles from the Philippines, in a tropical storm.

There were six passengers aboard and a crew of nine. After an extensive search by warships and aeroplanes lasting more than a week, the Clipper was finally given up for lost and those aboard presumed dead.

#### Passengers By Two Planes

The following passengers reached Hongkong on Saturday by the two Imperial Airways planes, a day late from Bangkok:

Major J. F. Benoy, Deputy Assistant Adjutant General, returning from London after short leave; Dr. Dovey, also from London; Mr. Lee Kai-chee from Bangkok; and Mrs. C. Haldane from London.

An extra plane is scheduled to leave Kal Tak at dawn to-day with mail for all countries.

#### and Miss Maudo Royden.

Mrs. Haldane is the wife of Professor J. B. S. Haldane. She is a well-known novelist and journalist. During the past two years she has worked extensively on behalf of relief work and help of every kind to the Spanish Republican Government and has raised thousands of pounds at meetings. She visited Barcelona, Madrid, and the Teruel Front in Spain in January and February of this year. Mrs. Haldane speaks French, German and Spanish fluently.

## American Pilot Weds Film Colony Bride

The pilot of Mme. Chiang Kai-shek's private plane was married on Saturday at 6.30 p.m. at the Kowloon Union Church, the Rev. K. Mackenzie Dow officiating.

He is Mr. Royal Leonard, son of Mrs. Bertha Leonard, of Glendale, California. He was educated in the United States and is a graduate of Kelley Field. He was associated with the Western Art Express in America. For the past two years he has been working for the Chinese Government, and recently has acted as pilot for both the Generalissimo and Mme. Chiang.

The bride was Miss Maxine Carolyn Thayer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy V. Thayer, of Hollywood, California. She was educated in America and has been associated with Paramount Studios for the past seven years. Her marriage in Hongkong is the culmination of a three-year romance.

Arriving on the arm of Mr. Richard Rathmell, by whom she was given away in marriage, the bride looked radiantly lovely in white starched chiffon cut on Grecian lines. Her veil was finger-tip length with a halo of rose point lace. She brought both the wedding dress and veil with her from America. She carried a bouquet of ginger flowers, tuber roses, Jasmine, and Honolulu creeper, with maiden-hair fern.

The matron-of-honour was Mrs. Richard Rathmell, who wore a graceful frock of shell pink lace over a pink moire slip, and carried pink gladioli tied with pink satin ribbon.

Mr. A. B. Tyrrell undertook the duties of best man, and Mrs. Frank

## Bathing Club Makes Gift

A tea party ceremony for presenting an ambulance to the Kwangtung Red Cross Society was held on Saturday at the swimming pavilion of the Chinese Bathing Club, North Point. The Chairman of the Club, Mr. Kwok Hui-wang, conducted the proceedings.

Following the ceremony, the Chairman made a lengthy speech which concluded with thanks to the guests for their presence and to the representatives of the Red Cross Society for coming down from Canton to take delivery.

In the course of his speech, the Chairman said: "The Club has, in response to the appeal of the Wai Kiu Yai Po, done the best of its part in collecting \$3,300 for the purchase of this ambulance. Recently, the Club has promoted several benevolent enterprises, such as purchase of Chinese Government Liberty Bonds, contribution of raincoats to the 5th Route Army, contribution of consolation funds to the front line warriors, and the sale of flowers on the 'Double-Seventh' for raising funds for the refugees. Despite such frequent collections, it is gratifying to see that the Club has succeeded in gathering sufficient funds for an ambulance. It is entirely due to the untiring efforts of the public that the purchase of this ambulance is made possible."

Short rendered appropriate music on the organ.

A large reception was later held at the Peninsula Hotel.

Mrs. Leonard chose a smart white suit for her going away dress. The happy couple intend to make their home in Hongkong for the present.



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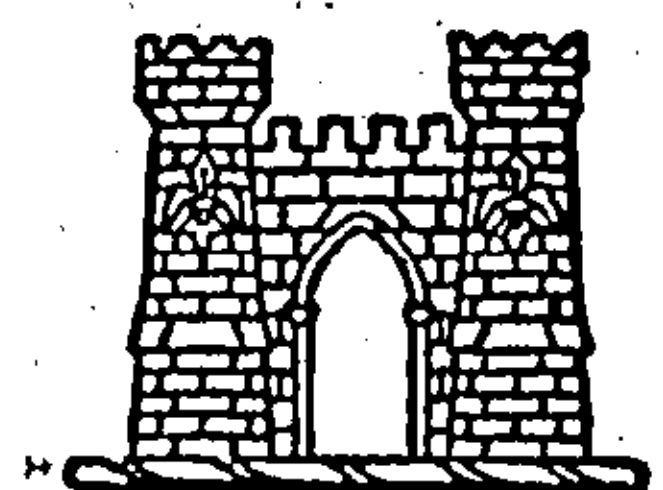
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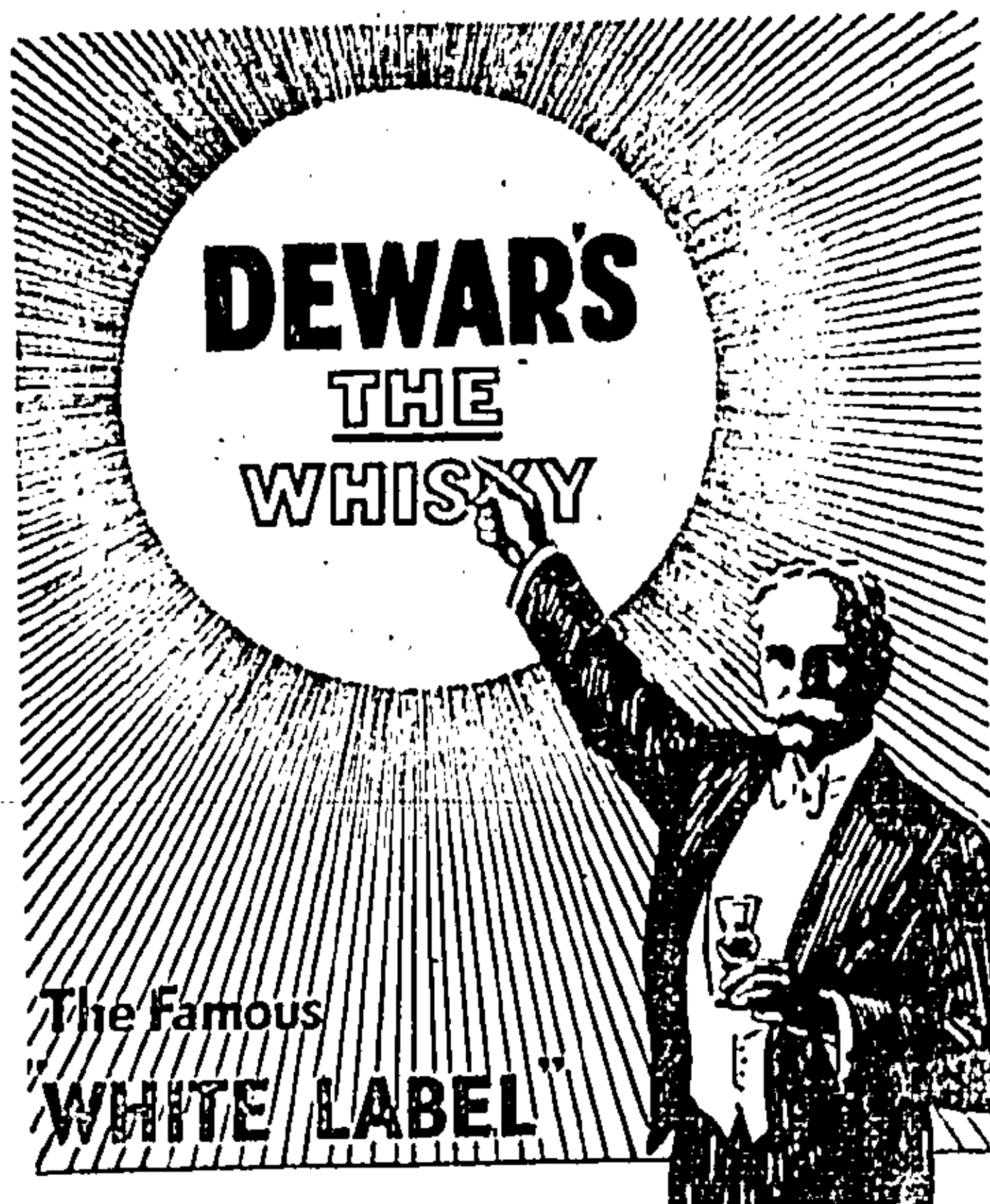
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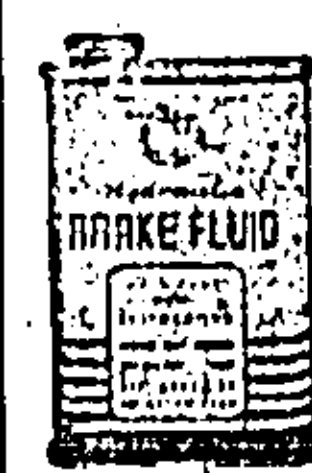
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**WATER**

It is undeserved ill-luck that Hongkong should be visited by its worst drought in 43 years at a time when its thirst for water is greater than at any other period in its century of history. Excepting 1895, when only 46 inches of rain were recorded, this year will almost certainly end as the driest since the Royal Observatory began functioning, for it will need record rains in November and December—almost invariably the driest months of the year—for the total to approach anywhere near even the next lowest recorded fall of 57 inches of exactly forty years ago. The revelation last week that the Colony's reservoirs contain only sufficient water for a further three months' supply at the present rate of consumption is, in view of the approaching dry season, most disturbing. Per capita consumption of water has increased alarmingly in recent years—in 1936 it was 629 gallons per month per capita and in August this year 858 gallons per capita. Government apprehensions regarding waste are not ill-founded and if Hongkong is not to have re-necitated the almost catastrophic shortage of 1929, when the Colony was on the point of importing water from Canton and Macao, more stringent measures will have to be taken.

At the same time, Government cannot escape criticism for the recurrence of Hongkong's perennial water difficulties. The position has, of course, been aggravated by this year's drought, coupled with the abnormal and unexpected increase in population, but as long ago as April last year—six months before the outbreak of hostilities in China—Government was warned in no uncertain terms in a Report on the Water Supply prepared by Mr. W. Woodward that the provision of further supplies would have to be put in hand as early as possible if restrictions were to be avoided. In adopting Mr. Woodward's proposals for the expenditure of \$3,185,000 for urgent improvements and additional supply mains, Government avoided the major requirement for ending the perennial shortages—construction of another huge reservoir in the Tai Lam Chung Valley area. Govern-

ment's indecision in embarking upon any new loan undertaking of such magnitude, involving as it would the expenditure of at least \$10,000,000, is understandable from the point of view of financial stability, but the time has come when further procrastination may well menace the existence of this Colony. Government cannot afford to nourish the hope that the population of Hongkong, even after the cessation

of hostilities in China, will decline very sharply below its present level, and the natural annual gains in population will more than offset any post-war exodus within two or three years. To endeavour to tackle the problem by reducing the per capita consumption is both unhygienic and dangerous. Government, in fact, should be in a position to encourage the

## I Defend The BUNGALOW DWELLER

THE bungalow dweller seems to me to be a much maligned man. We have long been familiar with aesthetic criticism of his dwelling, which is really a gallant attempt to meet a difficult housing situation. Did not a certain gloomy Dean speak disparagingly of "bungalow growths"? His propensity for borrowing his neighbour's gardening tools keeps the comic cartoonist busy, and musical comedians regard him as an unfailing topic of national humour.

Of late some journalist with a vivid imagination has detected a new disease, "suburban neurosis." We are invited to picture the suburbs as a sort of reservation for frustrated neurotics. Childless wives (it's much more fun to run a baby car, you know), quickly get through their housework in their nice new easily run bungalows, and sit with folded arms looking out on to the miniature patch of rock garden in the deepest gloom. In the evening they play endless rubbers of bridge in a vain effort to keep boredom at bay.

There is also a prevalent idea that the bungalow dweller is invariably a man of straw. A speaker at a luncheon recently described him as being "up" to the neck in paying instalments for his house, his car, his furniture, and his pram.

I frankly admit that I borrowed money when I took over my house, and furnished it on the deferred payment plan. We wanted to start off our married life in comfortable, healthy, and dignified surroundings, and we did not choose to risk the hazards of furnished rooms while we scraped together enough to buy a decent house of our own.

But in a world of which the vital mainspring is credit, who shall say that my plan was wrong? I carefully adjusted my liabilities to my income, and my prospects are good. Meantime I have given a filip, infinitesimal, I admit, to employment, and I am secure in the present enjoyment of many comforts and not a few of the luxuries of modern life.

Biased critics may dismiss my abode as a harled abortion, but I have a deep and abiding affection for it.

For one thing, I visited the site often when it was being built, and watched it rise from foundations to roof, my interest growing with it. By dint of making myself a nuisance to the workmen I learned quite a lot of interesting information.

Apart from the bright newness of my house, and its hygienic, planned comfort, the beautiful surroundings are enough to convince me that I could never live happily again in a noisy, crowded city street, and I never dreamt that gardening could be such an absorbing and soothing pastime.

In the evenings when I sit in the cheerful living room with a book, I am pleasantly aware of the rich obligato of my bungalow—the whistling of the wind in the roof, the creak of the stairs, and the soft shut of doors as my wife moves about overhead, making sure that the children are safely in bed (yes, believe it or not, we actually have children), the drip of the kitchen tap, and the asthmatic whirring of the grandfather clock in the hall (a family heirloom this.)

It is my belief that all houses have a distinctive personality subtly interwoven with the life that has run through them, and I find mine entirely satisfactory. J. H. C.

## WICKHAM STEED v. LORD ROTHERMERE AMAZING LETTERS ON CZECH CRISIS

REMARKABLE correspondence which has passed between Lord Rothermere and Mr. Wickham Steed, the publicist and journalist, following the publication in the "Daily Mail" of an article "How Long Shall the Czechs Imperil Peace?" is made public.

In that article, which appeared on July 18, Lord Rothermere declared that:—

If the question of the Czech minorities were not settled to the complete satisfaction of Germany by the end of September, no astute observer of European affairs would consider Czech independence to be worth three months' purchase. "The Czechs have been the petty bullies of Central Europe long enough," he added. "The Czech Government will have a rude awakening if it imagines that Great Britain will ever lift a finger to save Czechoslovakia."

### "Position Clear"

On July 18, Mr. Wickham Steed sent the following letter to Lord Rothermere:—

I HAVE rarely written to you, but I must write after reading your article in this morning's "Daily Mail" for that article, based on misleading information, may help to bring on a European war into which Great Britain would willy-nilly be drawn.

Why you should wish to weaken the defence of this country by encouraging Germany to attack and, if possible, to obliterate Czechoslovakia is a mystery to me. I can readily understand why Germany should wish you to do this. Czechoslovakia juts out into the heart of Germany. Her existence as a well-armed State, inhibited by a determined and efficient people, impedes German domination over Central and South-Eastern Europe. This domination, in its turn, is an indispensable preliminary to a final German reckoning with the British Empire, which forms the ultimate obstacle to German supremacy in the world.

It would be dangerous for Germany to attack either France or Great Britain as long as the Czechoslovak Republic is able, as it now is, to mobilise 900,000 well-armed and well-trained troops in a week; to dispose of a powerful air force which can threaten Dresden and Leipzig; Munich and Nuremberg in half an hour in case of German attack; and to control the great armaments works of Skoda and Wlckowitz.

It is comprehensible that Germany should wish to be rid of this Czechoslovak thorn in her flesh: it is not comprehensible that any British journal, and how inadvertently, should help her to get rid of it. Such a course is not compatible with the loyalty to "King and Empire" which the "Daily Mail" professes.

I need not remind you of the patriotic part played by the "Daily Mail" between 1908 and 1914 in arousing this country to a sense of the German danger, nor of its steadfast action throughout the War, in helping to withstand the German domination of Europe, while there is still time to avert that domination and while we still have friends, or we shall presently be confronted with a choice between abject surrender to a German mastery of the greater part of Europe, and a desperate, fruitless fight for existence in which the odds would be heavily against us.

So I urge you to bethink yourself, to learn the truth and to proclaim it. This is my duty as a newspaper owner and as a British peer.

### "Monstrosity"

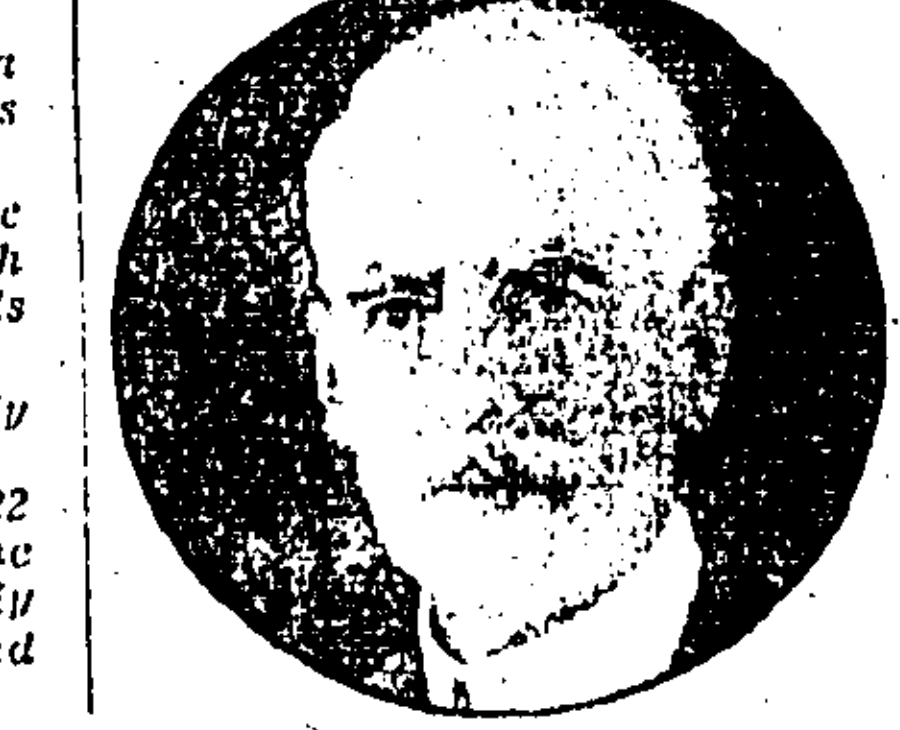
On August 3, Lord Rothermere wrote to Mr. Wickham Steed:—

YOUR letter flatters me. It suggests that an article by me in the "Daily Mail" is exerting a great influence on the affairs of Czechoslovakia. I sincerely hope this is so, because the more the truth about this monstrosity of a country becomes known the less chance there is that the British people will allow their Government to associate itself directly or indirectly in its affairs. From the day that Czechoslovakia came into existence, it has oppressed the German, Hungarian, Slovak and Polish minorities. It has done so without protest, because the League of Nations until lately was entirely controlled by France, with her allies, including Czechoslovakia. I am afraid you are one of those journalistic Bourbons of whom there are many. You seem to have forgotten nothing and learned nothing. You seem to think that 1938 is still 1914. You do



LORD ROTHERMERE, son of a barrister, was born 70 years ago. When he was 21, he entered the publishing business of which his brother Alfred, afterwards Lord Northcliffe, was head. In 1914 he bought the "Daily Mirror" from his brother. After his brother's death in 1922 he took over for some years the proprietorship of the "Daily Mail," "Weekly Dispatch" and "Evening News."

HENRY WICKHAM STEED, son of a Suffolk collector, was born 67 years ago and was educated at Sudbury Grammar School and at three Universities—Jena, Berlin and Paris. At the age of 25 he was made acting Berlin Correspondent of the "Times." Later he was "Times" man in Rome and Vienna and Foreign Editor of the "Times" from 1914-1919. Was Editor from 1919 to 1922 when the paper was sold to Major Astor.



## Hitch-Hiking Through Britain

HE and I were making for the hostel at Edinburgh. "Come far?" I asked him, looking at the big rucksack slung between his shoulders. Mentally I calculated 15 miles. "I have come from Aviemore," he said.

"One hundred and forty miles! How did you do it?"

He jerked an expressive finger over his shoulder. "Hitch-hiked." Something told me he was a stranger, and I asked him. "I'm a Dane," he informed me.

Later he let me into his secret. "This hitch-hiking is a great idea," he said. "For myself, I landed at Hull, went to York to see the buildings there, from York down to Cambridge, where I retraced my steps to Scotland, and I have been right through your country." He spoke English perfectly.

"Do you always hitch-hike?" I asked.

"Most often. I intend to go through France, Belgium, and Germany on my way home. I have already been in Sweden, Czechoslovakia, and many other European countries. In Germany the practice is forbidden, and the police stop you if they see you hailing cars. That happened to me, so I took a train to another village a few miles away, and began all over again."

"What's the secret of it?" I asked.

He pulled from his pocket a small red pennant with a white cross. "This is the Danish flag. If lifts are not forthcoming I tie it round my neck. It makes people stop, and, when they find I am a stranger to the country, they are most pleased to lift me. They like to hear what I think of their country, and are also most interested in Danish customs."

"In Czechoslovakia, however, I found it difficult. The Czechs thought I was a German and they wouldn't pick me up. So I went into a shop and bought a Union Jack. I was lifted right away. The man asked me where I came from and I said London. He only knew a few words of English, for which I was thankful—for at that time my command of your language was extremely slight."

"I got over it, however, and used the Union Jack all the time. Your flag is greatly respected on the Continent, especially in France, where they would never refuse a British person a lift."

"It's great fun, but you must have a good constitution to be able to stand the strain of so much continuous travelling. One thing, though, it gives you a much better insight into the manners and customs of the people, and you get to know more about them than you would by travelling in the ordinary manner."

"And where are you bound for now?"

"London," he said casually, and went off to make arrangements for the journey.

not seem to know that to-day Great Britain, instead of being largely invulnerable as she was in 1914, is, owing to the development of aircraft, the most vulnerable country in Europe.

If you and your friends had your way you must provoke a war infinitely more disastrous than the Great War of 1914. I suppose you do know, but I should like to impress it upon you, that the day Great Britain goes to war in pursuit of some aim or design in Central Europe or there of our most important Dominions will declare their neutrality and by doing so will bring an immediate end to the British Empire.

### "No Answer"

On August 6, Mr. Wickham Steed sent this reply:—

IF I may publish my letter to you I will gladly publish your reply—which is no answer—to it.

I am proud to be what you call a "journalistic Bourgeois" who has not forgotten the lessons of 1908-1918. Certainties of experience is not wisdom, nor is Nazi German propaganda the surest guide to the truth.

Your information about the Dominions is faulty, as I, who am in constant touch with all the Dominions, can testify. Like me, their peoples would never approve of a British war "in pursuit of some aim or design in Central Europe."

Like me—and unlike you—they would approve of and support resistance to attack upon the defences of Great Britain and upon the essentials of British freedom. Like me—and unlike you—they would not, in the last resort, fear to fight for the principles upon which the British Commonwealth is based.

And it happens, to-day, that the defensive frontier of Great Britain is no longer on the Rhine, as Mr. Baldwin once said, but along the borders of Czechoslovakia. To-morrow it may be elsewhere. And the surest way to save ourselves from having to defend it in arms anywhere is to have a firm and strong purpose of peace and to dare to make it known.

### "Moscow-Owned"

Lord Rothermere sent the following letter to Mr. Wickham Steed on August 10:—

SO it appears, according to your letter, that Czechoslovakia is now the frontier of Great Britain. This will be news to the people of this country and to the people of the Dominions.

If you or anyone else are so foolish as to believe that Great Britain and her Dominions will fight for the Moscow-owned Prague Government, you are labouring under some strange delusion. Why should the people of London and Manchester be bombed to perpetuate the tyranny of the Czechs?

Your letter confirms the view held by Lord Northcliffe in the last days of his association with you, that you are a man with a confused and distorted judgment. Please publish the whole of your correspondence with me.

### "Those Last Days"

On August 12, Mr. Wickham Steed sent this letter to Lord Rothermere:—

NOTHING in your "Daily Mail" article, or in your letters, shows a more "confused and distorted judgment" than your mention of a view which you allege your brother, the late Lord Northcliffe, to have held "in the last days" of his association with me; for in those last days, and for some months earlier, as you may on reflection remember, the character of his fatal illness unfortunately made it impossible for him to hold any coherent view at all, even about you.

I shall arrange for the publication of my correspondence with you.

of hostilities in China, will decline very sharply below its present level, and the natural annual gains in population will more than offset any post-war exodus within two or three years. To endeavour to tackle the problem by reducing the per capita consumption is both unhygienic and dangerous. Government, in fact, should be in a position to encourage the

general tendency of the Chinese to use more water as a result of their increasing knowledge of Western standards of public health and hygiene.

A close perusal by competent Government officials of the recommendations of the Woodward Report, in addition to those already authorised, is vitally necessary in the light of the present position.







# PORTUGAL WINS INTERNATIONAL BOWLS TOURNAMENT

## SCOTLAND LOSES BY MARGIN OF ONLY ONE SHOT EXCITING ENDING TO AN INTERESTING TIE

(By "Abe")

Represented by J. A. Luz, H. A. Alves, R. F. Luz and F.X.M. da Silva (skip), Portugal yesterday won the Gutierrez International bowls shield for the first time since the inception of the competition by beating Scotland (John Watson, J. Gellatly, J. McKelvie and R. Duncan) in the final on the Civil Service G.C. green.

Portugal's victory was more or less expected; but the Scots put up a terrific fight after allowing their opponents to run away with a lead of 10-4, and finished up by being one shot behind, the final scores being 17-16.

The end was very exciting indeed. Commencing the last head only one shot in arrears, the Scots made a gallant attempt to snatch a win; but the Jack did not run kindly for them. Instead of going to their back woods, it was squeezed in between a Portuguese and Scottish wood, both of which were touching it, the game thus terminating with a "dead" head.

### SCOTS RECOVER

Then with a two, the Scots broke the spell and they in turn monopolised the scoring from the 13th to the 18th heads. The run took them to within two shots of their opponents' total, and when the 19th head was started, the Portuguese were leading by 16-14.

On the 19th, the Portuguese registered a single to lead 17-14, but the Scots came back with a brace on the 20th.

The 21st was a "dead" head after the Jack had been moved, and the Portuguese thus became victors by the narrowest possible margin! As indicated by the scores, neither side was playing really consistent bowls. With the exception of McKelvie, who was playing a very good game throughout, the Portuguese front men generally outshone their opposite numbers; on the other hand, Duncan was more in the limelight than Silva, whose task for the most part consisted of putting down blocks.

There were a few fine heads, but a consistently high standard was not maintained. Young Luz, for instance, often had Watson beaten with one wood, but he seldom could put in two good ones in the same head. The same remark applies to Watson, who did not seem to be playing up to his usual high standard. Alves was the most consistent man in the Portuguese rink and was responsible for several beautiful drawing shots during the afternoon. His opponent, Gellatly, had one great asset in that he was very seldom short, but he seldom succeeded when his skip wanted a quiet draw.

### UNFORTUNATE WOOD

As already stated, McKelvie was in fine fettle and was more effective than R. F. Luz. On several occasions when the Portuguese had the shot, he drew dead to the Jack. On the last head, he was unfortunate with a very fine shot which deserved a

better reward than it actually received.

Duncan started off very well by drawing two lovely shots in the very first head when his front men were outplayed. Portugal retaliated by taking two singles to tie the scores, and Scotland also won the next two ends with singles to lead 4-2.

It was in the sixth head that Silva became prominent with a shot which moved the Jack to give Portugal three. The three shots, however, were fully a yard away from the Jack, but Duncan was too heavy with his last wood, and Silva himself missed a great opportunity of adding a fourth by also being too heavy. The seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth heads were all Portugal's. The run should have been stopped on the eleventh, at which stage the Portuguese were leading 14-4. McKelvie drew first shot after the elder Luz had taken the Jack almost to the ditch; but Silva, in attempting to play McKelvie's wood through, was very narrow and hit one of the Portuguese front woods up for the first shot!

### DUNCAN SHINES

Duncan was responsible for Scotland's success on the 13th. The Portuguese were lying two when the skips went down, but Duncan pushed the Jack through to give his side two. Following this up, Scotland also won the next five heads. They were a trifle lucky to take two on the 18th, however. Portugal was lying two until McKelvie sprang the Jack, but though the Portuguese still had two when the Kitty had come to rest, the shots were yards away. R. F. Luz immediately drew first shot a yard in front, Duncan was short with his first delivery, Silva too heavy with his first, and Duncan drew first shot two feet in front. Silva knocked up Duncan's front wood in his second attempt and gave the Scots two. With a single on the 19th, the Portuguese led 17-14. On the 20th, Silva had bad luck in giving the Scots an extra shot when he attempted to push a wood through. Lying two when he had one more wood to go, Duncan took no chances and sent it to "Talkoo."

Only one shot behind at the start of the 21st head, the Scots' hopes were raised when Watson put his first wood only inches away from the Jack, but Luz rose to the occasion by resting it out. Watson failed narrowly to repeat the performance, and his wood ended up two feet behind the Jack. Gellatly missed taking the Jack by inches with both woods, while Alves tried to block the drawing hand. When the No. 3's went on the Scots were in a more favourable position although Portugal had the shot. While Luz was instructed to put his woods in front, McKelvie almost succeeded, he would have left Scotland with two or three. He hit the wood all right, but it was only a glancing blow and the wood went along with the Jack. After a



LET'S PUT THE TAPE ON IT! R. F. Luz and J. McKelvie, the No. 3's of the Portuguese and Scottish rinks respectively, measuring a shot during the International Bowls final played yesterday on the Civil Service G.C. green. Portugal won the encounter by the narrow margin of one shot. Also seen in the picture are H. A. Alves, John Watson, J. F. McGowan (umpire), J. Gellatly and Joe Luz—Staff Photographer.

## Southampton Could Rival Portsmouth Bold Norwich Build Strong Team

(By Arbiter (Frank M. Carruthers))

The clubs of the south have never ceased to believe that they made a bad bargain when they forfeited their rights in following the flag of the Football League. Possibly they conceded more than they received in abandoning the Southern League, but those who have seized their opportunities have undoubtedly benefited in entering a bigger world.

Some have advanced into the First Division; half a dozen are in the Second. They have, of course, met with keener competition; but I do not think they would like to change their status.

Sometimes it is complained that they have not the resources to advance further, but, for instance, what Portsmouth have accomplished should be possible in the case of Southampton, and, in spite of the handicap of their geographical position, Plymouth Argyle have shown that they might win a place in the highest class.

### TRESADERN'S TASK

Something went wrong at Plymouth last season. Rumours are untrustworthy, but we know that they dropped their pilot, and Mr. Robert Jack, faithful to Scottish traditions, had founded a style which made the team attractive wherever they played and whatever results they achieved. Now Mr. John Tresadern is in control, and while he is essentially English in his outlook, I imagine that his aim will be to maintain the polish and culture of Plymouth football.

There have not been the usual Scottish importations. There are, in fact, only three or four new players, and they may not be ready for inclusion in the side. But team work can overcome many shortcomings. Mr. Tresadern, however, does not face a simple task.

Nor does Mr. Tom Parker at Southampton; but the club seemed to be fired by a new ambition. Clubs in Southampton's position seem to me to make a mistake in living from season to season instead of forming a definite policy and holding fast to it. I do not believe this can be done by engaging players to meet an immediate requirement; certainly it cannot be done when, having got a good player, they transfer him.

Careful examination, the Portuguese were satisfied that the head was "dead" and proceeded to put blockers. Duncan failed to alter the position, and the Portuguese were thus successful by one shot.

Scotland		Portugal	
1	2	1	1
2	2	1	2
3	2	1	2
4	1	3	2
5	1	4	2
6	1	4	2
7	1	4	2
8	1	4	2
9	1	4	2
10	1	4	2
11	1	4	2
12	1	4	2
13	1	4	2
14	1	4	2
15	1	4	2
16	1	4	2
17	1	4	2
18	1	4	2
19	1	4	2
20	1	4	2
21	1	4	2

\* "Dead" head.

Possibly I should take a different view if I were a director and there was a chance to reduce a bank overdraft. Well, Southampton might have obtained a substantial fee for their wing forward Osman, and it is a good sign that they would not consider the offers received.

Mr. Parker's old club have progressed since he returned to them as manager, and though the struggle will go on, I think he may look forward to a greater margin of safety. Mr. Neil McBain was not able to keep out of the game for long, and at Luton he will have ample scope for his activities. He will find, too, that his directors are just as energetic, having an intimacy with the club's affairs that is unusual. It has been said that Luton's directors are too active; but they can point to a record which does them credit. Luton had a team up to the average Second Division strength last season, and while there is now nothing to indicate that they will rise above it, Mr. McBain is an able manager, capable of getting the best out of players.

### BRADFORD PROGRESS

While directors have an important part to play, the man in charge of the staff really obtains the results, and already the work of Mr. Steele at Bradford is to be noted. Herbert Chapman used to say that only one who had lived in the dressing-room should have control of it. It was not a place for a director. I think he was right, and I would always put my trust in the competent old player as manager. Why the game has not succeeded better at Bradford it is hard to say. The competition of Rugby is a poor excuse. There was great enthusiasm when the City were redoubtable Cup fighters and when the Park Avenue club rose to the First Division. Those prosperous days can be brought back if the football is attractive enough and if a team arise to awaken public imagination.

Bradford had a greatly improved team last season, the best for several years, and it is possible that the players under Mr. Steele will now offer a strong challenge for a place at the top of the table.

### NORWICH ENTERPRISE

Norwich City continue to show remarkable enterprise. It may be wondered how they can afford to pay the fees for some of the transfers they have obtained during the past two or three years. The signing on of Taylor, the Wolverhampton back, was a surprise to me, and one may be sure that he cost a substantial sum. The result is that the club have now a team who should win considerable success. I am specially interested in Russell, a young Scotsman, who has been obtained from Sunderland. I have often been told about his exceptional promise, and he would have left Roker Park some time ago if the club could have been persuaded to transfer him. His fee, too, would be substantial.

### Hardcourt Tennis Semi-Final To-day

George Choa not having sufficiently recovered to play off his quarter-final match, Wong Fuk-nam has been conceded a walk-over into the semi-final of the U.S.R.C. hardcourt tennis championship.

Wong will meet Tsui Wai-pui, holder of the title, to-day. The match commences at 4 p.m. and should prove an easy task for the champion.

## HOUGH PLANS A COME-BACK

"Social Stuff Wore Him Out"

London, Aug. 21. Frank Hough, the man who made "big time" and nearly killed himself with a one-night-week programme, has put down his garden spade, shelved "Little Dorrit," and is training for another series of fights and a stab at the British cruiserweight title.

Hough, 26-year-old boxer who made the headlines in sport last winter and then disappeared from the limelight, is coming right back to "kill" anybody who will step into the ring at 12 st. 7 lb.

Frank reckons that it was fighting men over his weight, and the long round of social success that went with his boxing fame, that forced him to retire from the ring. He had a fight a week at £100 a time and cleaned up £1,500 in three months. He nearly wore himself out doing it, but he has stuck to his money.

Now he's coming back. This is what he told a Sunday Chronicle reporter at his Putney home. "It wasn't so much the fighting that wore me out during those few months when I did a fight every week. It was all the social stuff that went with it, the charity balls, the dances, the personal appearances."

"I realise now that you can give too much of yourself for your own good. I'll always help any charities if it is in my power to do so, but I never was a playboy and I don't enjoy the life."

"Fighting's the thing that matters to me—not all the frills that go with it."

## Decathlon Champion Sued By Wife

Hollywood, Sept. 12. Claiming that her husband, Glenn Morris, world decathlon champion, brought his screen role of "Tarzan" into their home and that he mauled her in approved jungle style, Mrs. Charlotte Morris sued for divorce to-day.

Morris, who won the decathlon championship in the 1936 Olympic Games at Berlin, created a world record for the ten different track and field events. He was signed up by a movie studio to portray the role of "Tarzan."

His wife said that he had pummeled her unmercifully—United Press.

## WOODERSON LOWERS WORLD RECORD FOR HALF-MILE

Crowd Of 5,000 See Astonishing Running At Motspur Park Track

MANY people disapprove of "record attempts" and "specially arranged handicaps," but no one will begrudge S. C. Wooderson his full mead of praise for being the first man to run half a mile in 1 min. 49.2 sec.

Wooderson avowedly set out on his 880 yards journey with the intention of bringing the world record back to his country, from which it has been absent for a period of 50 years. The mark at which he was shooting was 1 min. 49.6 sec., and Wooderson, who has always had a just appreciation of his own ability, believed that he could get just inside 1 min. 49 sec.

To assist in this enterprise the Blackheath Harriers invoked the aid of six athletes, who were given handicaps varying from 8 to 85 yards. On the latter mark was S. J. Wooderson, the champion's younger brother, who, incidentally, assisted him last year when he set up a new one mile world record.

Apart from the physical condition of a world-be-world record breaker—and that is a matter which lies entirely within his own power—two factors may militate against the achievement—state of the track and the weather.

### TRACK IN PERFECT CONDITION

The groundsmen at Motspur Park had the track, one of the best if not the best in England, in perfect trim. The weather gave us one or two anxious moments, but for the race



Wooderson as he was finishing his record-breaking run.

though, naturally, the pace slowed. He finished quite well, though it would be an exaggeration to say he was full of running. Wooderson caught all the handicap men except his younger brother, who passed the half-mile mark at the

### 50 YEARS' PROGRESS

min. sec.	Year	min. sec.	Year
1 54.0	F. J. K. Cross (G.B.)	Mar. 9	1888
1 54.5	C. J. Kilpatrick (U.S.A.)	Sept. 19	1891
1 54.8	C. J. Kilpatrick (U.S.A.)	Sept. 21	1893
1 53.8	F. Lough (Italy)	Sept. 15	1909
1 52.5	J. E. Meredith (U.S.A.)	July 8	1912
1 52.2	J. E. Meredith (U.S.A.)	May 13	1916
1 51.0	O. Pelzer (Germany)	July 7	1920
1 50.9	H. Eastman (U.S.A.)	June 4	1924
1 49.8	H. Eastman (U.S.A.)	June 10	1924
1 49.6	F. Robinson (U.S.A.)	July 11	1927
1 49.2	S. C. Wooderson (G.B.)	Aug. 20	1938

there was not much wind and a crowd of 5,000 which thronged round the track shielded the runners from what wind was blowing.

It is not possible for an onlooker, however experienced he may be, to tell whether a quarter-mile has been run in 54 or 55 seconds, and when Wooderson was seen to be making no impression at all on the handicap men over the first 300 yards I wondered if he were not going too slowly.

At first it did not occur to me that the others were going too fast, but when I transpired that he had covered the first 440 yards in 52.6 sec. I was astounded.

This was astonishing running, but, despite that fact, Wooderson never lost his form over the second lap

moment that Wooderson reached the 800 metres.

I do not believe that the handicap helped Wooderson very much. He is sufficient of a genius to be able to run almost as fast as he can without any opposition.

### HOW RACE WAS RUN

Perhaps the best idea of the way the race was run is to give two sets of figures. In the left-hand column are the times which an athlete should accomplish in order to run half a mile in 1 min. 49.2 sec. and in the right-hand column are Wooderson's times:

Yds.	min. sec.	min. sec.
110	27.4	15.3
220	27.4	25.2
330	41.1	35.0
440	54.2	44.8
550	1 6.10	54.6

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## ANNUAL POLICE AQUATICS

### Taylor Wins Three Events

The Police and Prisons annual aquatic sports were held at the Victoria Recreation Club's swimming pool on Saturday, in the presence of a large gathering, which included His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote and the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Commissioner of Police.

Sgt. D. H. Taylor was the most successful competitor, winning three events, the 100 yards Free-style championship, 50 yards Obstacle race, and the 50 yards Back-stroke.

The results were as follows:  
Long Plunge.—1, S. I. MacMahon; 2, L/Sgt. Manning; 3, Insp. Hopkins. Distance 54 feet 8 in.

Life Saving for Chinese Water Police.—1, W. 148; 2, W. 91; 3, W. 109.

100 Yards Free-style Championship (Indian and Chinese).—1, P. S. Chan Kam-fu; 2, C. 87. Time, 63.5 secs.

100 Yards Free-style Championship (European).—1, Sgt. Taylor; 2, Sgt. Wall; 3, S. I. MacMahon. Time, 61.3/5 secs.

Children's (Under 14 Years) 50 Yards Handicap.—1, Douglas MacMahon; 2, Victor Russell; 3, Richard Dedcar.

Girls' (Under 14) 50 Yards Handicap.—1, Yvonne Shaw and Jill Stokes (Dead Heat); 2, Sheila Le Tissier.

50 Yards (Handicap) (Open to Clerks and Interpreters in Police, Prison and Fire Brigades).—1, Leung Sui-man (Fire Brigade); 2, Cheung Siu-yau (Fire Brigade).

75 Yards Medley Race (European) (Cup presented by Messrs. Coldbeck, MacGregor and Co., Ltd.).—1, Sgt. Taylor; 2, L/Sgt. MacKenzie; 3, Sgt. Wall. Time, 1.10.0.

Uniform Race, 50 Yards (Asiatic Land Police).—1, S. I. Sui Wai-ming; 2, C. 87; 3, C. 730.

50 Yards Handicap for Police Reserves.—1, Napoleon Leung Pan; 2, M. A. De Souza; 3, D. Xavier. Time, 33.1/5 secs.

50 Yards Handicap (European).—1, Sgt. Manning; 2, Warder A. W. Hircok; 3, Sgt. Wheeler. Time, 43.1/5 secs.

100 Yards Free-style (Open to Members of V.R.C.).—Won by A. K. Rumjahn. Time, 69 secs.

High Diving (Cup presented by Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd.).—1, Sgt. Wall; 2, Sgt. Shaw.

50 Yards Obstacle Race (European).—1, Sgt. Taylor; 2, Sgt. Pile; 3, Sgt. Wall.

50 Yards Obstacle Race (Chinese Water Police).—1, W. 129; 2, W. 148; 3, W. 60.

100 Yards Breast-stroke Championship (European).—1, Sgt. Oakley; 2, Sgt. Bowers; 3, Sub-Insp. MacMahon. Time, 96 secs.

50 Yards Free-style (Chinese Water Police).—1, W. 60; 2, W. 94; 3, W. 129.



William Powell and Luise Rainer in "The Emperor's Candlesticks," showing now at the King's Theatre.

## MOTOR-BOAT RECORD

### New Mark Established By Sir Malcolm Campbell

Lucerne, Sept. 18.  
Sir Malcolm Campbell, the famous racing motorist, broke the world record for motor-boats here to-day.

Piloting the motor-boat "Bluebird," he averaged a speed of 130.9 miles per hour. His speed for the first run was 131.00, and the speed for the second run was 129.08. The two runs were made in Lake Hallwy.

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League, beat the Rest by two goals to one, in a scrappy game.

Mrs. N. L. Irwin, wife of Col. Irwin, G.S.O.I. distributed the prizes and trophies to the winners.

The results were as follows:  
Plunging.—1, Lt. Rickard (R.C.S.); 2, Dvr. Rickards (R.A.S.C.); 3, Pte. McKay (R.A.M.C.). Distance 50 ft. 1 in.

50 Yards Back-stroke.—1, Pte. Harris (R.A.M.C.); 2, Pte. Nicholls (R.A.M.C.); 3, Pte. Wilson (R.A.M.C.). Time, 45.5/10 secs.

100 Yards Medley Relay (For "Anon" Cup).—1, R.A.O.C. (L/Cpl. Pitt, Bdr. Coughlan, and Pte. Jack); 2, R.A.S.C. 1 min. 54.5/10 secs.

200 Yards Free-style.—1, Sgt. Payne (R.C.S.); 2, L/Cpl. Hartnett (R.A.S.C.); 3, L/Cpl. Breece (R.A.O.C.). Time, 3 mins. 16.5/10 secs.

100 Yards Free-style.—1, Pte. Macdonald (R.A.M.C.); 2, Dvr. Richards (R.A.S.C.); 3, L/Cpl. Breece (R.A.O.C.). Time, 76 secs.

Diving (For Small Units Challenge Cup).—1, R.A.M.C. Pte. Nicholls; Pte. Macdonald; 3, Cpl. Mullins; 2, R.A.O.C.; 3, R.C.S.

50 Yards Breast-stroke.—1, Pte. Harris (R.A.M.C.); 2, L/Cpl. Bedford (R.C.S.); 3, Sgt. Payne (R.C.S.). Time, 38.5/10 secs.

300 Yards Free-style Relay (For "Russell Challenge Cup").—1, Royal Corps of Signals (L/Cpl. Robinson, L/Cpl. Bedford, Lt. Rickard, Sig. Dignam, Sig. McCann and L/Cpl. Ashford); 2, R.A.S.C.; 3, R.A.M.C. Time, 3 mins. 30 secs.

Departmental Corp. Water-Polo League winners, 1938, R.A.M.C. Water-Polo Exhibition.—R.A.M.C. 2 (Cpl. Laidlaw and Pte. Nicholls were goalscorers) and The Rest 1 (Sgt. Payne).

**CROSS-HARBOUR RACE**  
The annual cross-harbour race, organised by the Chinese Bathing Club, was held on Saturday and was won by Fong Chung-yue, in 27 mins. 34.7/10 secs.

Many competitors took part, there being 24 in the men's race and seven in the women's contest, which was won by Miss Sam Ching-yuet and Miss Cheung Pui-tsun, who dead-heated. Results were:

Men.—1, Fong Chung-yue, Time 27 mins. 34.7/10 secs.; 2, Robert Chan, Time 27 mins. 51.8/10 secs.; 3, Chan Ma-po, Time 28 mins. 49.2/10 secs.; 4, Tang Han-chu; 5, Chan Chun-ha; 6, Enrique Chan; 7, Chan Wai-yin; 8, Kwan Lam-fong; 9, Yang Kwong-wah; 10, Chan Yue-fat; 11, Chan Fat-yuen; 12, Chan Tso-chun; 13, Wai Wing-yau; 14, Tang Shek-kam; 15, Yee Sue-wah; 16, Yang Tat-fan; 17,

## Wooderson Registers New Half Mile Mark

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600 ..... 1 22.2 ..... 1 22.2  
700 ..... 1 40.6 ..... 1 40.6  
800 ..... 1 49.2 ..... 1 49.2

It will be seen that with 220 yards to go Wooderson was nearly 2 sec. inside the schedule and that he lost about 1 1/2 sec. over that short distance to the finish. That shows how very much he was tiring.

I am convinced that given the right opportunity—a desperate race against the best opposition in the world—Wooderson can run even faster.

Incidentally, Wooderson broke the 800 metres record with 1 min. 48.4 sec. He also broke the 800 metres European record and he set up new British and English native records for the half-mile.

For the purposes of comparison it is worth while mentioning that the previous world record holders over the last 50 years—and there have only been eight of them—all did their records in actual competition and in scratch races. Over 50 years the world record has been lowered by 5.4 sec. What will happen in the next half-century?

## NEW MEMBERS

An increase in membership is mentioned in the annual report of the Committee of the Kowloon Cricket Club, which will be presented at a meeting on Wednesday, September 28.

The report states that since August 1, 1937, 92 new members and 32 lady subscribers have joined the Club, five old members have rejoined, and 73 have resigned or been struck off for other reasons. The present membership totals 368.

The account shows an excess of income over expenditure amounting to \$731.04, as against an excess of expenditure over income of \$370.13 the previous year.

Chan Sue-lee; 18, Loong Kai-ming; 19, Pao Yue-chu; 20, Wong Fong; 21, Shek Chan-po; 22, Pau Shek; 23, Yue Shue-tong.

Women.—1, Sam Ching-yuet and Cheung Pui-tsun, Time 37 mins. 40.8/10 secs.; 2, Yang Kam-yuk; 3, Lai Wai-kam; 4, Ng Wun-ying; 5, Fung Wai-po; 6, Choi Mui-to; 7, Lau Mun-shue (Boy).

## OPEN HARBOUR RACE

The annual open and ladies' harbour race, organised by the Victoria Recreation Club, will be held on Thursday, September 20, at 5.15 p.m. The entrance fee will be \$1, post entries. Competitors launch will leave the V.R.C. at 5 p.m. sharp.

## RUMJAHN COUSINS IN FINAL

### Hardcourt Tennis Tournament

The Rumjahn cousins yesterday entered the final of the U.S.R.C. Hardcourt Tennis Doubles Championship by defeating Pang Ol-lam and Mok Fuk-in, 6-0, 6-3, 7-5.

The Indian couple won without being extended except for the final set, when the Chinese pair led up to the seventh game, before S.A. won his service to draw level. Pang was the weakest of the four, netting many strokes in the first set, though later in the game he brought out some neat smashes.

The first set was concluded in a little over ten minutes, and it was not until the second set that the Chinese won a game. There were a number of good rallies in this set, which the Indians won by 6-3 after leading by 4-1.

Strong opposition was put up by the Chinese pair in the third set. After winning the first game, they increased their lead 4-2 before the Indians took three games in a row to lead 5-4. The Chinese won another game but the Indians took the next two games for set and match.

The whole match was over within an hour. An amusing incident in the match occurred during the third set when the umpire, Mr. C. J. Tachi, called out the scores, saying it was for the final set. His calling, although turning out correct, was rather premature.

## SINGLES SEMI-FINAL

In the semi-final of the Colony Hardcourt Tennis Singles Championship, played on Saturday, Tsui Yun-pui defeated S. A. Rumjahn, 2-6, 6-4, 4-6, 7-5, 6-1.

In spite of the downpour earlier in the day, the condition of the court was as near ideal as possible, with the result that play was generally of a high standard.

Though beaten, Rumjahn put up a gallant fight and registered many points by fine strokes. He lobbed well and afforded few opportunities for Tsui to volley. His retrieving power was at its best and time and again he recovered shots that appeared to have been sure winners.

It was his ability in this form of play that taxed Tsui's game in the early stages of the contest.

Tsui used precise ground strokes to great advantage and scored often with his forehead court-cross drives which were most of the time quite unreachably. He volleyed well and his fine anticipation enabled him to return the strongest of Rumjahn's drives.

## SPORT ADVTS.

### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 24th September, 1938, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

## MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure; such must be worn throughout the duration of each meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, &c.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 12 NOON.

Timings are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, Telephone 21020.

## PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The Price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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# RUSSIA'S STEAM-ROLLER

## An Efficient Reality —Or A Myth?

By "AN OLD STAGER"

FOR the time being at any rate the agitating rattle of machine-guns and louder concussions have died down on and around Changkufeng. Those in London best qualified to form an opinion never believed the frontier affray would be allowed to develop into anything bigger or more alarming.

For the same adequate reason they are fairly confident that some far-sighted settlement of the boundary dispute may in due course be expected. An intriguing question, using that over-worked adjective in its proper sense, is why the trouble ever arose.

Since neither Tokyo nor Moscow, as events have proved, wanted trouble on this sector, why was it permitted to occur? One theory is that the local Japanese Army commanders, disgruntled by being immobilised indignantly on a barren frontier whilst their professional colleagues basked in the limelight and high-explosive Chinese war, allowed ambition to run away with discretion.

Another and equally plausible theory is that the Japanese Army chiefs generally, in view of the fact that there have been sporadic frontier attacks at this spot for years, thought it might be a clever move to collar Changkufeng, a strategic key position, and that no special notice would be taken of the fact.

### Trying It Out

But there is another theory, which certainly smacks rather of best-seller spy fiction, that cannot be altogether ruled out. It is that the Tokyo authorities were deeply impressed, when two months ago a Russian Army commander at Vladivostok deserted to their lines, by that officer's account of the state of the Red Army.

Why General Lulskov crossed over to the Japanese is, of course, purely a matter of speculation. But the most tenable suggestion is that he suspected his name might be next on the Soviet's extensive purge list.

At any rate, his story of deep unrest, amounting even to mutiny amongst the Russian troops, is said to have created a considerable impression on Japanese military chiefs, and it is conceivable they thought it might be quite a convenient opportunity to put the facts to a practical test by ostentatiously occupying Changkufeng. The results, it must be confessed, have not been quite up to snuff.

In the end, before the truce was sounded, the Soviet troops had certainly checkmated the Japanese encroachments at most points, and had, moreover, at least secured an equal footing on the key position at Changkufeng.

### "A Tough Guy"

This followed the arrival on the spot of Marshal Blucher, Moscow's Commander-in-Chief on the Eastern front, who put good deal more pep into the military operations on his side. Marshal Blucher is what across the Atlantic they would call "a tough guy."

But if the Soviet asserted its military position at Changkufeng eventually, the Japanese certainly scored all the propaganda successes. This is remarkable in itself, since Moscow is the high school of this particular form of warfare, as many different countries could freely testify.

But the veil of silence which Moscow maintained over the Changkufeng operations enabled Tokyo to get across some distinctly damaging reports.

The Secret Soviet chiefs of many capitals would give their ears to know the real truth about Moscow's

Red Army. On paper it is the most formidable in Europe, with innumerable cadres, and a wealth of up-to-date equipment.

The French General Staff, than whom there are no shrewder judges, must have thought well of the Russian when France made that Franco-Russian Pact which changed so radically the whole orientation of European diplomacy. But that was before the Army purge was launched, which may have not only fatally weakened the morale of the High Command but also undermined the morale of the entire fighting machine.

### Great Military Mystery

How far is that historic old Russian "steam-roller" nowadays as efficient and effective military instrument? Nobody knows. We are told the Russian guns and planes, and especially the anti-tank guns, proved excellent in Spain. But the information is that most if not all this Spanish equipment, though purchased with Russian money, came from America via Mexico.

We do know that Russia's agricultural tractors at one period littered the fields as broken-down derelicts. If the Soviet's agricultural equipment is faulty, or badly managed, why reason is there to expect any better efficiency in such delicate things as tanks and planes?

And even granting that the latter may be better controlled, how about the morale and discipline of the Russian Army's rank and file? It must surely kill the vital spirit de-

corps to have secret police serving in those ranks, and destroying all confidence between comrades in the same service.

These questions of the Soviet's potential value as a fighting ally—or enemy—is a very important one in the present condition of Europe, France banks on her Russian Pact, and its moral effect, to keep Nazi Germany's ambitions within due bounds. If the Soviet's steam-roller is a myth, as was the Tsar's, treachery by more strain is placed at once on the Anglo-French entente.

It cannot, therefore, be a matter of any indifference to us and our Downing Street arbiters of national destiny. This is emphasised all round by the fact that Germany's real ambitions, as is well recognised both in London and Paris, lie not in Czechoslovakia but in the Ukraine.

### Food-Power Wanted

Germany, now she has added Austria to the Reich, has as much man-power as she can profitably utilise either for peace or war. What Berlin needs, and needs badly, is additional food-power, and where else shall Germany's alert rulers look for this except in the rich wheat-fields of the Ukraine?

We all hope and pray there may be no more Great Wars. But, if this faith proves illusory, the most probable one would be between Germany and Russia—unless, as some on-lookers suspect, eventually Germany makes an alliance with her Slavonic neighbour.

In either of those eventualities the reality of Moscow's fighting cadres must be a question of the most vital international concern.

The interesting point is how far the Japanese, in the Changkufeng affair, have thrown any reliable light on the problem. They have been prodding the Russian bear, and the military information thus elicited may even now be in possession of highly interested third parties.

## FOOTBALL HUMOUR

AT the first game of the season a man, "if I make a move it will be to take a man."

An elderly lady was taken to see a football match in which her son was playing. After watching the game for some time, she inquired, "What is the object of the game?"

"Well," said her friend, "the object is to put the ball in that net."

"Deary me," exclaimed the elderly lady, "it would surely be much easier if they would not get in each other's way."

An employer remarked sarcastically to his office boy, "Don't you think it rather remarkable that your grandfather should always be seriously ill when there is a special football match on a Wednesday afternoon?"

"Yes, sir," said the office boy, with great presence of mind. "I often wonder whether he is shamming."

"Are you a football player?" inquired a doctor, noticing that his patient's shins were much bruised.

"No," replied the patient, "I'm a bridge player, and my wife is usually my partner."

"Why don't you advertise?" asked the representative of a newspaper of a man in a small way of business.

"Because I don't believe in advertising," replied the man.

"But why are you against it?" inquired the newspaper man.

"It don't leave a man no time," was the gloomy reply. "I advertised once, and the consequence was that I was so busy I didn't have time to go to a football match the whole season."

Margaret Hillman

## A Stroll with Sir Walter Scott

AFTER the lapse of well-nigh a century an interesting correspondence between an English lady and Sir Walter Scott was brought to light. She, with her husband (Dr. Thomas Hughes) twice visited Scotland (in 1824, and again in 1828). Their journey on both occasions included Aberdeen and Edinburgh.

She tells of a walk they had with Sir Walter, the route taken indicating that his youthful days were fresh in his mind, even though the backward view was one of light and shade.

Meeting them in Parliament Hall, Sir Walter took them through the Courts, Mrs. Hughes thought the statue of Lord Forbes had "a little Fernie flutter about it." After being shown over the Advocates' Library they returned to the Hall, where Scott observed Jeffrey stand-left five young sons, who, as they were looking out into this walk for challenged Carmichael to mortal being giddy. It was at the spot a certain blue feather.

When the King's permission called Wallace's Cave, near the Falls of Clyde, they met on Barbour's Sands, near of Clyde, and on the brink of a tremendous precipice, had a great multitude, and though Brunsfield was much inferior in physique my foot on a large

Leaving the Court of Session, they descended the long flight of steps which then led to the Cowgate. Walter related this pathetic tale as through Brown Square and Bristle here stated. According to Scott, pointed out the back of his place in the reign of James VI he Scott's house and the window of the two men named Carmichael where (he said), "when sometimes I of the latter's brother (as he alleged) live, he was believed to be hard at work unfairly, and in consequence he I was looking out into this walk for challenged Carmichael to mortal being giddy. It was at the spot a certain blue feather.

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## THOROUGHBREDS DON'T CRY HALSEY RAINES

**WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR**  
Coming to America for a final try at the international horseracing cup, Sir Peter Calverton and his young grandson Roger, cupped headlong Timmie Donovan to ride the mount. Timmie latens to a plea from his triumphant father for funds to save the latter's life, and agrees to "throw" the trial race preceding the Cup, not suspecting that his father's illness is fraudulent. When Sir Peter sees his horse lose, he succumbs to a fatal heart attack. Timmie, in bitter self-remorse, roams the streets alone. One day a little girl whose aunt runs the jockeys' boarding-house where Timmie lives, finds him, and tells him Roger has been found to have been killed. Timmie then decides he will seek financial aid from his father.

### Chapter Nine

Donovan Senior was sitting with a couple of race-track cronies around a dining table. Every thing was going to his liking. The Calverton horse, The Pookah, had been announced for sale; Donovan's choice to buy him at the bargain and clean up.

"Say, boss," remarked one of the two hangers-on, "suppose somebody don't beat us to it and gets that nag."

"Don't worry about that," replied Donovan confidently. "Our friend the Calverton could sell the Empire State Building."

The telephone rang, and one of the men took up the receiver. He listened softly and beckoned to Donovan.

"It's Timmie Donovan calling to see you," he whispered.

"Tell them to send him up," rejoined Donovan. "It's the kid. Come on you guys, duck!"

The two men simultaneously for the adjacent bathroom. Donovan slipped out of his coat, raced for the closet, and seized a pajama top. He pulled it over his head, and slipped on it.

"You'll be able to watch me come home without turning around," answered Timmie.

"I want some dough," he said curiously.

"Why? Why, what is it, Timmie?" evaded Donovan.

"Look," answered the youngster, "I threw a race to help you, and on account of that a swell guy died—Sir Peter."

"That was a shame, wasn't it?" answered his father, with well simulated sympathy. "I'd know that was gonna happen, I'd never have let you do it."

"Well, I did it, and it's done! And now I want to get something to fix it up, and you gotta help me!"

"Sure, sure I will," said Donovan placatingly. "How much do you want?"

"A grand. The kid, Sir Peter's grandson, ain't got enough to enter his horse for the Cup. I'm gonna give it to him, and I'm gonna ride the horse—and win the Cup!"

"A grand," murmured Donovan. "A thousand dollars is a lot of money. Timmie, I ain't got that. Could let you have a hundred, maybe. How would that do?"

"It won't do at all," retorted Timmie firmly. "I want a grand!"

"Look here, Timmie," said his father, trying a new tack. "didn't I read about your friend selling the house? Maybe he won't need the money."

"But he wouldn't sell it if he had the entrance fee!" stormed Timmie.

"But maybe he'd be better off if he sold it," Timmie was thinking fast as he held his hands. "Oh, I got it! You want those friends of yours to copy another cinch heat! Well, it ain't gonna happen again. The Pookah's gonna win! And you're gonna give me the dough!"

"Oh, no, I ain't," said his father, with a slight leer.

Donovan had taken his coat as it lay across the chair a moment before, to get his wallet.

Now he replaced it. Quick as lightning, Timmie reached out, grabbed the coat, and raced for the door.

"Come back here, you little rat!" yelled Donovan. He cut from his chair, forgetting, for the moment, his present race, and letting the

blanket fall to the floor. The two henchmen jumped out from the bathroom, and rushed in to intercept the boy in the hall. But as they reached the doorway Donovan cried out a command to halt. "Don't chase him!" he told them.

He had too many schemes in his mind at the moment to risk any conversation with the police, even if it meant surrendering some of the profits he had accumulated, when he tricked Timmie into throwing the race.

Back in Roger's apartment a visitor was being entertained. Doc Godfrey, confidential emissary of Donovan, had come to offer five thousand dollars for The Pookah, with instructions to go as much higher as necessary.

Roger was not quite as easily sold as Doc Godfrey had anticipated. He refused five thousand dollars, and when Doc went to six, the youngster was still obdurate.

Finally Doc turned on his heel, faced the boy and said in a tone of finality:

"I'll tell you what. I'll make it seventy-five hundred. That's more than you could get anywhere else."

I think I'll wait for the public auction, answered Roger firmly. He glanced at Wilkins, the trainer. Doc was becoming angry. He had no intention of leaving but he must make better headway than this. He pretended to start for the door, then paused.

"Listen," he cried, "the top at the auction would be five grand. I'm giving you seventy-five hundred. I'll give you ten per cent of what he makes in the race besides."

Roger was wavering now. Doc could see that.

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## GRIM CLUES INVESTIGATED FOR S.S. POLICE

### Detective's Murder Recalled By Analyst

Grim clues to suspected crimes are discussed in precise and formal manner in a Government report just issued. Murder as well as petty crime is recalled, and the report is a striking illustration of how the police of Malaya are turning to science in their fight against law-breakers.

The report, that of the Government Analyst, Mr. M. Jamieson, details his investigations during the past year.

A wide assortment of garments, chopppers, knives, poles, lorry-wheels, scissors, razors, hammers, newspapers, chains, keys, planks, etc., was submitted by the police for examination says the report. There were in all 181 exhibits; blood was identified in 95 exhibits and demonstrated to be human in 76 exhibits.

In two cases where the information was significant to the inquiry the blood was found not to be human. In another case dog's blood was identified on a chain. This finding was relevant to a question at issue as to whether the dog when shot had been chained up.

Human hairs were found (and identified) associated with three of these bloodstained exhibits. Dust or dirt was also examined in two cases, but nothing significant was disclosed. Tissue removed from the bumper of a lorry proved to contain small human hairs. Some of these were demonstrated to be in rooted organic association with remaining tissue indicating that the latter was human skin.

#### MURDERED DETECTIVE

Hairs were examined in the case of the murder of a detective to see whether any opinion could be expressed as to the individual from whom these originated. As the "sample" hairs from the two individuals concerned were indistinguishable no information could be obtained.

Information was given comparing hairs found in a dressing table tin of a murdered prostitute with a hair found on a bloodstained cloth collected on the scene of crime.

In connection with a fatal motor car accident a small black deposit scraped from the front bumper of a car was compared with the black painting on the bicycle involved in the accident. Both were found to be black asphaltic enamel and to behave similarly on treatment with certain solvents and reagents.

A singlet was submitted for identification as to the circumstances of pistol shooting. This was demonstrated to have been done in the back and from a range not more than two feet.

Black trousers were examined (along with other clothing examined also for human and dog bloodstains) in a case of death from shotgun wounds. In order to establish the range of shooting, which was a point at issue in the evidence and one of the utmost significance. From observation of the spread of the shot obtained at various ranges using the same weapon and similar cartridges, the range was established at about 20 feet.

In four cases of suspected mischief yellow clay soil was found in the lubricating oil of a motor car which had suffered; soap was found in a plate of food; a suspected grape fruit proved to be innocent and road

#### ANONYMOUS LETTERS

Of five cases of alleged cheating, two concerned similar exhibits namely "gold" wristbands made actually of copper and covered with a casing of 47 per cent. gold; one concerned a bar of "gold" made of copper coated with gold; and one concerned "gold" bracelets made actually of brass.

The report also tells how the type-writer used for some anonymous letters was traced. Photographic enlargements were made of the critical letters and police were able to find the particular type-writer.

A very different kind of investigation was made to ascertain the amount of adulteration of ghee. As a result an importer was warned that ghee he had been offered was adulterated with vegetable oil.

## World's Best Film Is German

—Says Italy

The Mussolini Cup, highest award at the International Exhibition of Cinematographic Art, in Venice, has been awarded to Germany.

British and United States representatives there are more angry than disappointed.

They feel that politics have dictated the award.

The finest films of 18 nations were shown to the judges.

From the United States came "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," "Anna Karenina," with Garbo as star, "China Seas," "Cardinal Richelieu," "Black Fury," "The Crusaders."

Britain entered Korda's "The Dawn," "Sundays of the River" and "Escape Me Never."

But Germany, the British United Press learned privately in Venice recently, has swept the board with what is at best only a documentary—Lent Riefenstahl's film of the Olympic Games.

It lasts five hours.

Representations have already been made to the committee by Mr. Neville Kerney, the British delegate, and Mr. Harold Smith, representative of Mr. Will Hays, the United States "film Tsar," on the grounds that the German film is not a feature film.

## New P. & O. Ship Prepares For Service

The ship Canton built by Messrs. Alexander Stephen & Sons for the P. & O. line, underwent trials on the Clyde during the week-end.

The Canton, is of 15,700 tons, and will have a normal speed of about 20 knots. The ship is of 562 feet length and 73 feet depth, and will have accommodation for 200 first saloon and 220 second saloon passengers.

The ship is especially designed for the Far Eastern trade, and will be painted in the traditional P. & O. colours of black hull with a white line and light buff or stone coloured upperworks. It has two pole masts and a single funnel and is driven by two sets of turbines with single reduction gearing and aggregating 10,000 shaft horse power.

The Canton was launched on April 14 and was the largest ship launched on the Clyde since the Queen Mary three years ago.

The Canton has spacious sports deck, indoor observation lounge looking forward, open and closed space for dancing, open air swimming pool, and a playground for children.

On completion of the trials the vessel will proceed to London and will take part in the regular sailing at for the first voyage to China and Japan, leaving London on October 7.

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 12.30 p.m. Saturday, says:

There is no change to report.

**Buyers**  
Hongkong Bank \$1,425  
Union Insurance \$3,012  
Providents (Old) \$0.65  
H.K. Lands \$37.75  
H.K. Tramways (Old) \$0.75  
Sandakan Lights \$0.35  
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 67 p.m.

**Sellers**  
Douglases \$0.81  
H.K. Steamships \$21.15  
H. & S. Hotels \$0.80  
H.K. Lands \$37.75  
H.K. Realities \$5.70  
H.K. Tramways \$10.00  
Dairy Farms \$23.75  
Watsons \$0

**Sales**  
Union Insurance \$310  
H.K. Chartered \$12.15  
Providents (Old) \$0.65  
Providents (New) \$0.75  
H.K. Lands \$37.75  
H.K. Tramways \$17  
Antamoka Pa. \$0  
Atoka \$0.15  
Burgundy Gold \$24  
Benquet Consol. 11.70  
Coco Grove \$41.00  
Demeritons 27  
I.X.L. 63  
San Maurizio 70  
Suva Consol. 18  
United Paracels 22

## FOR GOOD FEELING Chinese Basketball Team To Tour Japan

Peiping, Sept. 18.

Proposing to cultivate good feeling between the three nations through sports, the Athletic Section of the Hsin Min Hui, the New Peoples' Society, is sending a Chinese basketball team to Japan and Manchukuo.

The team will consist of 15 members and will leave Peiping about the middle of next month for Japan via Dairen.

The team will play in Kobe, Osaka, Kyoto, Nagoya, Tokyo and Sendai, against the local Japanese teams.

On their way back they will visit Korea and Manchukuo to play in Keijo, Mukden and Hsinking.

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# "I SHALL BECOME SUDETEN'S LEADER IF HENLEIN IS ARRESTED" -- Hitler

## SUDETEN AREAS TO BE CEDED?

London, Sept. 19.  
 THE prospects of an early conference between Herr Hitler and Mr. Chamberlain at Godesberg are regarded as highly favourable. Optimism is growing, and it is generally conceded that the ultimate decision will mean a revision of the Czech borders, France being now in favour of such a solution under two conditions:

International control during the plebiscite, and preservation of the Franco-Czech-Russian pact.

Regarding the second point it is stated that the British plan goes beyond a mere frontier revision and calls for a guarantee of the remaining Czech State by all neighbouring states, which would render the present pact superfluous.

M. Hodza's unequivocal rejection of the plebiscite plan, and his statement that the Czechs would defend their interests, has not aroused great alarm here, it being felt that Czech opposition would not present an insurmountable obstacle should the other countries agree on a solution. The increasing opposition to the Prime Minister's plan in the Left wing parties is not calculated to cause a serious threat to his position, since at the moment he enjoys the full support of the people. —Trans-Ocean.

### Cabinet Divided

London, Sept. 19.  
 Unofficial quarters here indicate that the basis of negotiations with Herr Hitler will be the ceding of the Sudeten areas, a plebiscite to decide the rights of Sudeten districts which are not overwhelmingly German, and a British guarantee of the new Czech-Slovakian border. The main obstacle to accord is the division among Cabinet members, some of whom, particularly Sir Samuel Hoare and Sir John Simon, are doubtful of the wisdom of Britain agreeing to any commitments which might involve her and the Empire in hostilities through unforeseen circumstances.

The conference in London received President Dr. Benes' message advising them he would not recognise any decisions arrived at without consulting him, and that they are despatching a note to Prague in answer to the President and requesting acceptance of the Anglo-French proposal. Leaving the conference last night, M. Daladier and M. Bonnet seemed the most tired. Mr. Chamberlain, despite his week of monumental (Continued on Page 4.)



HERR HITLER

## HONGKONG SHIPPERS NOTIFIED

### German, Italian And Japanese War Risks

GERMAN, Japanese and Italian steamers from Hongkong to Europe are almost certain to be barred from taking out war risk insurance if the European situation becomes any worse, according to information received in Hongkong from London this morning.

Although to-day's war risk rates from Hongkong to ports west of Suez remain at two per cent, a message from London states that there are indications that German, Italian and Japanese ships may be (Continued on Page 4.)

## CHURCHES PRAY FOR PEACE

London, Sept. 18.  
 In all churches to-day reference was made to the grave crisis, and prayers were offered for its peaceful settlement. Remarkable scenes were enacted at Westminster Abbey which, during the past few days, (Continued on Page 4.)

## German Leader's Threat To Czecho-Slovakia

London, Sept. 19.  
 "IF HERR HENLEIN is arrested by the Prague authorities I myself shall become leader of the Sudeten German Party, and I should be glad to see how long after that Dr. Benes will be able to issue decrees. I hope he does not issue a warrant for my arrest," declared Herr Hitler in the course of an interview with the famous Daily Mail representative, Mr. G. Ward Price, at the Fuehrer's home at Berchtesgaden.

EARLIER REPORTS ON THE CRISIS WILL BE FOUND ON PAGE 7

"The Czecho-Slovakian trouble must be ended once and for all," declared Herr Hitler. "At present it is a tumor poisoning the whole European organisation and if it is allowed to continue it would infect international relations until it breaks them down in a fatal collapse."

"While the Czech oppression of the German minority keeps Europe at fever heat, I am ready for whatever may come."

"The creation of a heterogeneous Czecho-Slovakian Republic after the Great War was lunacy."

"To set up an intellectually inferior people, a handful of Czechs, to rule minorities belonging to races like the Poles, the Germans and the Hungarians which have a thousand years of culture behind them, was a work of folly and ignorance." —United Press.

### Another Manifesto

Asch, Sept. 19.  
 Another proclamation, even more outspoken than his former manifesto, was delivered by Herr Henlein here yesterday.

"Sudeten Germans," he declared, "you are still suffering under the regime of terror of Hussele-Bolchevist criminals in Prague. With machine guns, tanks and cannons the Czechs are attempting to rob us Germans of our freedom."

"Indescribable misery is the result, but the hour of deliverance is at hand, and therefore do not despair but hold out, offer resistance on resistance. Hundreds of thousands of Sudeten Germans are joining the ranks of the volunteer corps, and they are ready to shed their blood for the liberation of their homeland." —Trans-Ocean.

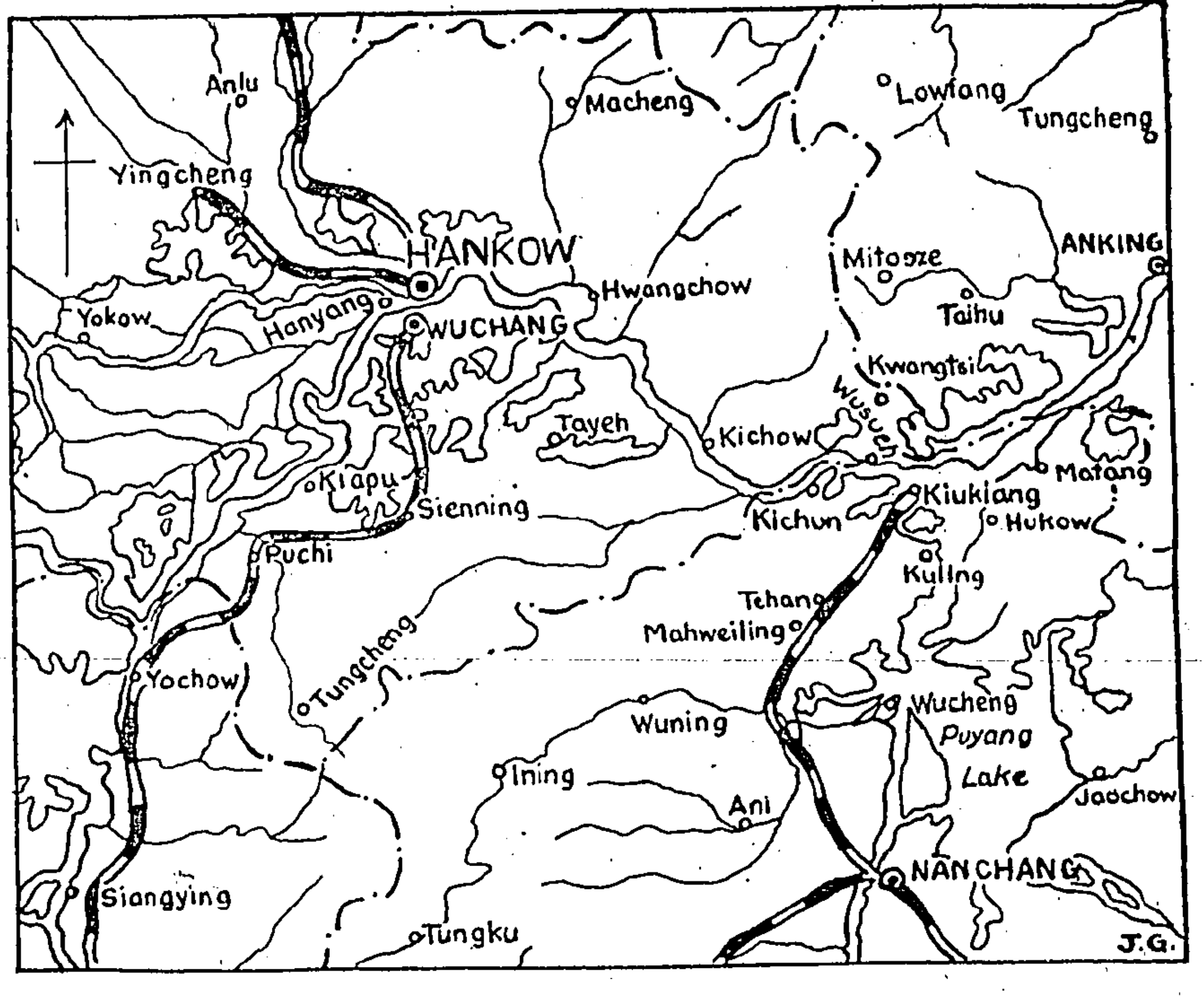
### Leaders Meet

Belgrade, Sept. 18.  
 A meeting between Signor Mussolini and the Yugoslav Premier, M. Stajadnovitch, on the frontier near Pledicole is being rumoured here.

The authorities refuse to either confirm or deny the report. The possibility of a meeting is increased by the fact that the Premier is at present at Veldes, only 20 miles from the Italian frontier, and the Duce intends to visit this frontier zone before returning to Rome. —Trans-Ocean.

## Jews Leave Italy For Palestine

Rome, Sept. 19.  
 Several hundred Jews left Italy yesterday on the Esperia for Palestine. It is expected that further larger numbers will leave within the next few days, since Palestine is to be closed to Jewish immigration after September 30. —Trans-Ocean.



## Mahweiling Recaptured In Grim Yangtse Battle

## GREAT CHINESE COUNTER-ATTACK

HANKOW, SEPT. 19.  
 UNOFFICIAL REPORTS STATE THAT THE CHINESE HAVE RECAPTURED MAHWEILING, KEY TOWN TO THE KIUKIANG-NANCHANG RAILWAY, AFTER BITTER FIGHTING THAT HAS LASTED MORE THAN TEN DAYS.

General Chen Cheng, Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese forces in the Tehan area, claims that the Japanese are completely halted on the entire front after sustaining terrific casualties, estimated at least 70,000 dead. —United Press.

Wushihmen, Sept. 19.  
 The Chinese counter-attack along the Nanchang-Kiukiang Railway was continued throughout yesterday, when the defence forces annihilated about 400 Japanese at Kangkashan, a small height in the vicinity of Mahweiling, and captured six machine and sub-machine guns from the invaders.

General conditions along the railway are unchanged. —Central News.

### Hwaiyang Recaptured

Chengchow, Sept. 19.  
 After several days' vigorous siege, Chinese forces counter-attacking Hwaiyang, important city in east Honan about 15 miles west of the Anhwei border, succeeded in dislodging the Japanese and recaptured the place on September 17.

Remnant Japanese broke through the Chinese cordon surrounding the city on the morning of September 17, after having suffered more than 400 casualties. Hwaiyang and its vicinity are now cleared of the invaders. Large quantities of war supplies were seized from the Japanese.

The Chinese attacked Hwaiyang with embittered determination as the city was thoroughly looted, hundreds of public workers and students were massacred and numerous women violated by the Japanese troops when they entered the town. —Central News.

### Hwangchow Held

Haihsan, Sept. 19.  
 Chinese defenders of Hwangchow, important gateway to the Peking-Hankow Railway in east Honan, offered unyielding resistance against a combined attack of Japanese infantry, artillery and air forces yesterday, and at the end of several hours' uninterrupted engagement were holding out the town intact. Four thousand Japanese are continuing their assault on the outer (Continued on Page 4.)

## STOP PRESS

## AIR RAID ON WUCHOW

Wuchow, Sept. 17.  
 Nine Japanese planes bombed Wuchow to-day and scored a direct hit on the Stout Memorial Hospital, in the brick and concrete building only the X-ray equipment escaped damage. Two schools were bombed, the Wang To Girls' School and the Pui Ching Boys' School. Three Europeans in the hospital, Dr. Robert E. and Mrs. Beddore and Dr. W. L. Wallace, were uninjured and are caring for over 100 injured Chinese who are being brought in and laid on the floor. The bombing has destroyed the water supply system. —United Press.

## Minorities Align To Demand Plebiscite

Warsaw, Sept. 19.  
 The right of self-determination and a plebiscite is demanded for the Polish minority in Czecho-Slovakia by the Czecho-Slovakian Executive Committee of the Polish Government Party, known as the Party of National Unity.

The Government organ, Gazetta Polska, also endorses the demand, declaring that there is "no nationality which wishes to live with the Czechs in one State. The idea of a plebiscite has been practically accepted in London and Paris." —Trans-Ocean.

### Budapest Comes Into The Open

Budapest, Sept. 18.  
 It was officially declared here today for the first time that the claim forwarded by the Hungarians in (Continued on Page 4.)

## No September Rains To End This Drought

Hongkong's acute water shortage caused by the absence of rain during the summer is well illustrated by the Royal Observatory rainfall figures since July 31.

From August 1 until 10 a.m. to-day the total rainfall has been 8.57 inches, which is at least ten inches below the normal for that period.

During the whole of August only a fraction over six inches of rain was recorded, as compared with the average for the month of 14.216 inches. During that month Hongkong experienced no less than 12 rainless days, and but for one day, when 2.42 inches of rain fell, the position would have been much worse. However, September has been even more disappointing, for, although rainfall during August is quite often (Continued on Page 4.)





### AT THE OFFICE wool crepe or jersey

THE latest news from Paris points to an easy time for the home dress-maker. Lines for day dresses are simple and straightforward, with just a hint of squareness to the shoulders—and sleeves that are long are close fitting with little or no trimming. It's the colour and fabric used that will lend an air of expensive to your clothes. For early on I notice attractive jersey fabrics, boldly striped or with a small conventional patterned design in several colours. A bunch of anemones will give you a heap of inspiration for colour schemes. Also those delightful fuchsia reds and mauves can be easily combined to give an individual colour note.

Black never outlives its usefulness, and it is very fashionable just now, but it must be allied with a strong contrast of a purply or smoky blue, emerald or a subdued moss green, which is a favourite. Other favourite hues will be those golden and reddish autumnal tints that you see when the trees are turning, mulberry and plum red. If you have just returned from your holidays your first need is a new office frock; if you have not yet taken your vacation you are perhaps still needing



### ON HOLIDAY cotton, linen or silk

short-sleeved frocks to fill in the gaps in your summer wardrobe.

Styles that button down the front are almost a regulation in both wool and cotton frocks. In pattern No. 1186 is shown a new spaced button fastening; the shoulders are just squared sufficiently to give the new military look to the top of the dress.

A jaunty spotted scarf will give a sporty look to this dress if you make it in linen. With wool crepe or jersey for the office, wear a small piece of soft chiffon at the throat; this is a good way of introducing a smart contrast note. Size 36-in. bust takes 4½ yds. 36-in. fabric, ¼ yd. 36-in. contrast.

Stripes both for dresses and coat frock styles are strongly featured in the fabric world, and pattern No. 1187 is a dress that really slim the figure. Envelope flaps break the otherwise straight lines of the style which has useful pleats in the skirt.

Here again a long sleeve is included in the pattern as it makes an excellent early autumn style in a warm material.

The same sizes are obtainable—34, 36, and 38-in. bust. Size 36-in. bust takes 5½ yds. 36-in. fabric to make up.

## these frocks are smart FOR WORK OR PLAY



The green jersey frock has buttons all the way and a scarlet-spotted scarf. Envelope flaps trim the gaily-striped silk frock.

## WALK WELL

By A. Mannequin

NO matter how smartly you dress, cause she has been taught that all no matter how charming your movement is rhythm and co-ordination or pretty your looks, you will always appear "unfinished" unless your walk is right. Quite plain girls who can walk with dignity and grace create an impression for which their better-equipped sisters strive without success.

So many women are apt to consider that a proper carriage and a pleasing gait are "gifts." Since we are born unable to walk, this statement is a little difficult to substantiate. If these people were honest with themselves they would agree that they have never taken the trouble to walk properly. It is no more a "gift" than dancing or piano-playing. Some of us have more natural aptitude for walking well than others, but everyone has to develop these talents or pay the price. There is a parable about man who buried his talent.

### The Effect of Bad Eyesight

Many of the commonest causes of bad walking can be quickly and easily remedied—light shoes, for instance, badly fitting clothes, bad eyesight. Although I have never seen a mannequin wearing glasses, many of the modern styles of frame are most becoming, and the wearing of them is preferable to peering short-sightedly into the distance, a habit which causes an ugly stoop. The constant carrying of an attache case or heavy handbag, or a concentration of parcels, will also mar your walking, perhaps permanently. My three essentials in walking well are physical fitness, comfortable clothing, and a sense of balance. The last is by far the most important, and I believe that one of the best ways of acquiring it is to take lessons in dancing. Watch a trained dancer in the street and see how smoothly and rhythmically she moves, simply because she is well worth it!

## When You Wear Black

A black dress is a stand-by in any wardrobe. With a change of accessories it will appear eternally fresh and smart. The dress sketched embodies new points that will appear in the autumn fashions. The material is silk jersey, that lovely fabric which drapes so beautifully.

The skirt is pleated all round and the bodice plain and collarless. Notice the sleeves which come just below the elbow and the buttons made of black beetles!

The heart-shaped bag in black suede matches the belt and gloves. Hats are going to tilt forward over the eyes and mount high at the back with nodding plumes this autumn.

The large white plique flower on the dress will be replaced by a fancy clip later on. Large pieces of jewellery, reminiscent of Victorian days, are worn by women in Paris and London. They look well with black frocks. Tiny watches with enamelled bows hang on the lapels of suits, or else a fob or silver clasp is worn.

Lockets are strung on fine chains and look attractive with the fashionable Winterhalter evening gowns, while antique buckles give the right sophisticated touch to an otherwise plain frock.

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### Correct Texture

First warm the milk and the unsalted butter together in a saucepan until the butter is melted. Cool the mixture to blood-heat and beat it with a fork to mix the butter and milk well together.

Then pour it into your cream machine and syringe it through steadily, with a quick, hard stroke, raising the

### MIDGE



"Look, Mummy! Here's a worm with a fur collar o!"

## SERVE IT WITH CREAM

### Dressing Up Summer Sweets

handle as high as possible. The cream should be thick and even as it comes through the machine. If it begins to run through too quickly and is too thin, warm the mixture slightly, stir well again, and pump harder. Pour the cream into a wide earthenware pan and stand for two hours.

Then stand the casserole over a low heat—the back of a coal range, for example—and heat gradually until the cream reaches the temperature of 160deg. F.

This should take about 40-50 minutes. If a gas cooker is used, the casserole should be stood in a pan of water first and heated gradually until the cream reaches a temperature of 160deg. F.

Then the casserole can be removed from the pan and heated over a simmering ring until the cream reaches 190deg. F.

Cool without removing from the casserole until the following day, when the cream will be found thick and clotted, with the real clotted flavour.

### Loganberry Fool

These sweets are greatly improved by the addition of cream. Try loganberry fool—it's delicious!

Pick and hull a pound of loganberries, pass them through a sieve, add caster sugar to taste, and a few drops of colouring.

Mix with thick home-made cream.

### Peach Jelly

Fresh or tinned peaches, apricots or any other suitable fruit, make this summer sweet which the children consider a treat. And the secret is the

combination of fresh-fruit and cream. Put slices of peaches into a jelly mould rinsed with cold water. If you have a mould with a "well" at the top use this.

Melt an orange jelly and pour over the peaches, allowing the fruit to rise to the top. When set turn out and fill the well of the mould with thick cream.

### Cherry Delight

A delightful nutty flavour. Stalk the cherries and gently simmer them in a little water and sugar, until the stones come away from the fruit. Pass through a sieve, add the juice of an orange, then mix with cream.

### Apple Snow

Healthy and delicious. Pare, core and thinly slice 2lb. apples, stew them until pulpy, with sugar to taste, and cloves or a little grated nutmeg, then pass through a fine sieve.

Add the juice of an orange, then mix with cream.

### Banana Pie

Nourishing dish for the children. Peel five bananas, cut in halves, and arrange in a buttered dish.

Sprinkle with two tablespoonfuls of sugar, add a few dabs of butter, and the juice of an orange and lemon. Bake in a moderate oven for twenty minutes. Serve with clotted cream.

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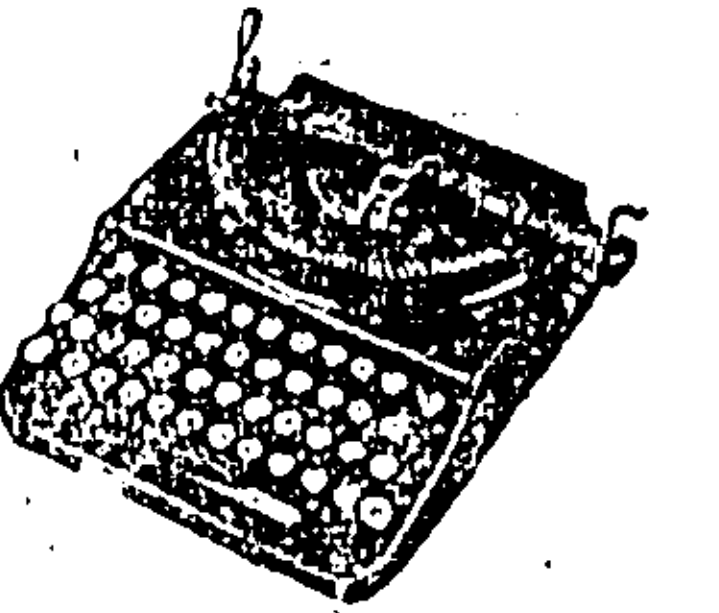
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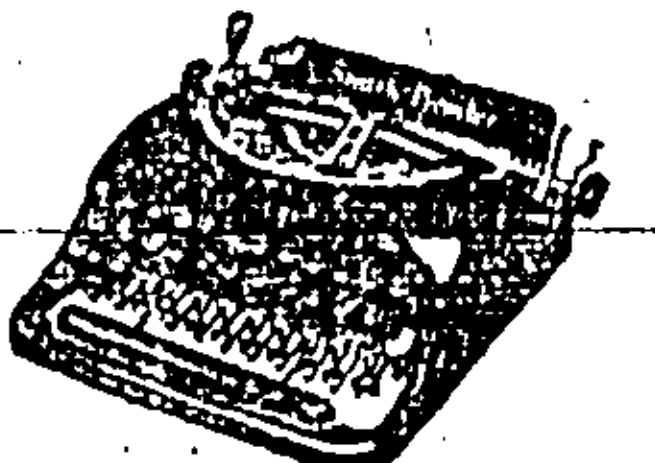
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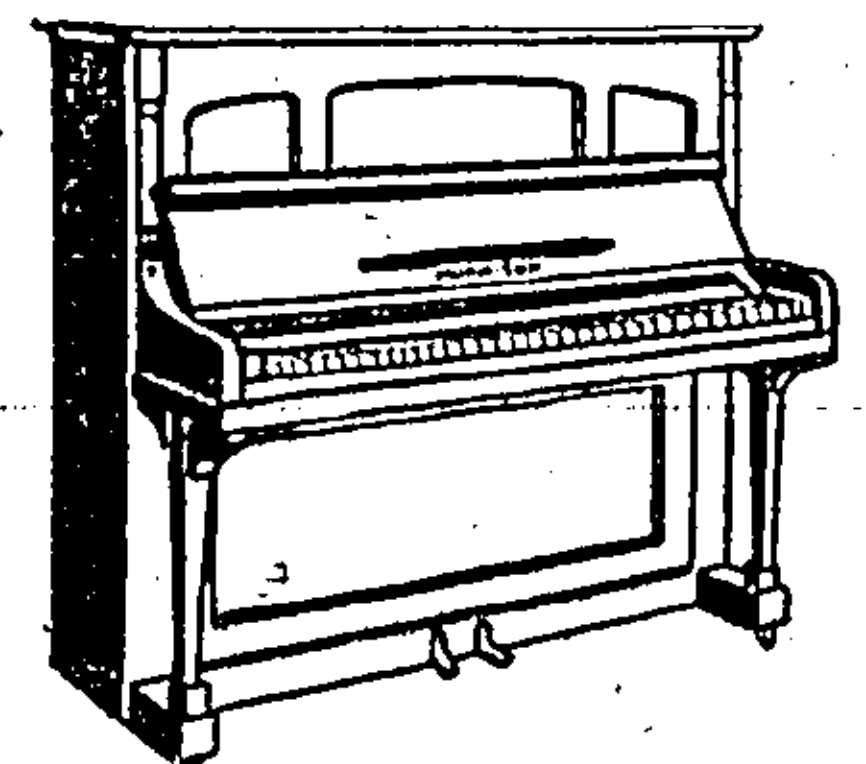


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# 'STEPMOTHER SMOKES 100 A DAY'

## Her Neighbours Are Called 'Malicious'

Plymouth.

A stepmother, Lilian Florence Northam, who was accused with her third husband, James Northam, at Plymouth recently, was said to smoke 100 cigarettes a day.

The couple were accused of ill-treating Northam's seven-year-old daughter.

Thirty of their neighbours in the village of Weston Mill travelled eight miles to give evidence against them.

Mr. W. E. J. Major, defending, called this evidence malicious.

The case was dismissed, and the chairman said: "The N.S.P.C.C. were quite right to bring this prosecution, but there is an element of doubt."

Seventeen-year-old Leonard Northam told the court that he left home a month ago because his stepmother had made his life a misery. He said that she drank heavily, smoked 100 cigarettes a day, and often flogged his sister.

Neighbours spoke of hearing screams and thuds in the girl's bedroom and the stepmother saying, "Now I will get my own back on you." Soon afterwards the girl ran away from home. She had bruises on her forehead.

### "A LOVELY CHILD"

She had been a "lovely child," had taken prizes at baby shows, it was said, but since her father married again she had become thin. James Northam described his son Leonard as "a liar and a thief—the downfall of my family." Of his daughter he said, "She is wayward and self-willed like her mother was. She screams if we only speak of her."

The stepmother said she chastised the girl only when she needed correction.

Mr. Major contended that the neighbours' evidence was based solely on their dislike of the second Mrs. Northam.

None of them had seen the alleged blows struck. Actually, Mr. Major added, the bruises on the child's forehead were caused by a fall from a swing.

## TWINS MARRY TWINS

It is so Muddling

Chingford, Essex.

Winifred and Dorothy Riley, twins, who married Leonard and Leslie Ryan, also twins, and set up a multiple home in Ainslie Wood-road, Chingford, have decided that the light in the passage has got to be brighter. Why? Because Winnie put her arms round Leslie, thinking he was her own husband, Len.

"Well, the passage is rather badly lit," giggled Dorothy. "But I don't suppose we shall often mix up our husbands." Leslie broke in gallantly:

"I could never mix you up. I'd know that dimple of yours anywhere."

Dorothy and Winifred, blonde, blue-eyed, and just 18 years old, were anxiously watching the effect on their husbands of their cooking efforts.

"We've never cooked before," explained Dorothy.

"WE ARE ALL SHY"

Winnie and Len have taken the top half of the house, and Dorothy and Leslie live on the ground floor.

The two flats are furnished exactly alike. Green is their favourite colour, and so they have green wallpaper, green upholstery, and green curtains.

"We like quiet colours," explained Dorothy "quiet amusements," said Winnie.

"We are all shy," said Len.

"And we don't like dancing," said Les.

## WATCH For This



Sensational Revival

## EMPIRE NEWS

### HEALTH INSURANCE IN NEW ZEALAND

Auckland.

Dr. Jamieson, the President of the New Zealand branch of the British Medical Association, who refused the Government's invitation to undertake the planning of the medical provisions of the National Health Insurance scheme, states that a secret ballot on the subject was held among members of the branch in June. Out of 913 votes cast, only 45 were in favour of the scheme.

It is believed that the medical profession suggested that a scheme could be evolved which could be run by the general practitioner and would provide service based on the means of the individual patient.

Mr. Savage, the Prime Minister, states that the scheme, which, in addition to medical benefits, provides for pensions of 30s a week for all at 60, will go forward, in spite of the attitude of the medical profession.

The Dominion-Friendly Societies' Council is now discussing the legislation.

### AUSTRALIA

#### TRAINING FOR HOME DEFENCE

Melbourne.

The arrival of Lt.-Gen. E. K. Squires, who was appointed Inspector-General of Military Defences of Australia in May, has stimulated interest in problems of defence. There is renewed speculation as to whether the Federal Government will attempt to introduce an extension of citizen training for home defence.

Dissatisfaction with the voluntary militia system is growing, and it is generally felt that some alteration in recruiting methods should be made. The voluntary militia strength is now just over 35,000.

Hugh Trumble's Funeral.—Many cricketers were present at the funeral in Melbourne of the Australian Test cricketer, Hugh Trumble, who died on Sunday. Telegrams of sympathy were received from the M.C.C. and the Australian team in England.

Trade with Switzerland.—Mr. Lyons, the Federal Prime Minister, announces that a trade agreement between Australia and Switzerland has been initiated in London. It will be submitted to the Governments of both countries for approval.

### INDIA

#### RIOT NEAR PRINCES' COLLEGE

Bombay.

Eighty persons were injured during police charges with staves near Rajkumar College, Rajkot, where the sons of ruling chiefs are educated. Rajkot is 120 miles south-west of Ahmedabad.

Despite police warnings, demonstrations took place in the college square, at which protests were made against the appointment of a new Prime Minister.

Thirty persons were injured when the police made their first charge. The crowd, which numbered 10,000, then marched to another area to continue their meeting. In a police charge here 50 persons were injured.

### TO HINDER RECRUITING

Simla.

Since October last 200 meetings have been held, mainly in the Punjab, in aid of the campaign against recruiting for his Majesty's forces in India. Congress is vigorously opposing the bill in the Central Legislative Assembly, designed to penalise activities.

Speaking in support of the bill Mr. Maxwell, the Home Member, accused the Congress party of gambling with India's safety. He attacked the Opposition leader, Mr. Satyamurthi, for talking in the same breath of non-violence and the "iniquities" of British foreign policy.

### SOUTH AFRICA

#### PERSONAL TAX ALLOWANCES

Cape Town.

The Administrator of the Cape has announced that the 50 per cent. allowance on the personal tax enjoyed by Cape taxpayers last year, will not be granted this year.

This means, if the Provincial Council agrees, that married people with an income of £470 and over will have to pay a maximum of £5, instead of £1.10s, and unmarried people £5, instead of £1.10s.

## The man who did not know himself

New York.

SURGEONS took bandages recently from the eyes of Farmer Edgar Martin, of Meeker, Oklahoma, who had been blind for twenty-five years, and said, "Now you can see."

Martin pushed the surgeons aside and ran to a mirror.

The last time he looked

in one he was a handsome, black-haired youth of seventeen.

To-day he saw staring back at him from the glass a drab, lined face under hair of grey.

The reflected face showed amazement, then disappointment. Martin turned away from the mirror.

## Crops Ruined By Rabbits

### Farmers Use Gas To Keep Them Down

An increase in the number of rabbits, due to exceptionally favourable breeding-conditions in the Spring, is causing exceptional losses to farmers in many parts of Britain.

In the West Riding farmers are using gas to keep the rabbits down. Turnips and other crops have been spoiled by having the tops eaten off when young. Often large areas of corn fields are flattened out by the continual passage of rabbits.

An official of the National Farmers' Union told the Daily Telegraph: "Resolutions sent in by our country branches in the North and West Ridings of Yorkshire, Buckinghamshire, Berkshire, Dorset and other places call for legislation to counter the rabbit pest."

A bill empowering county councils to order owners or occupiers of rabbit-infested land to take precautions to prevent damage to neighbouring crops was introduced by Lord Sempill on July 25.

### EARLY WHEAT RUINED

Mr. Cocks, county chairman of the N.F.U. Buckinghamshire branch, said that in some cases early wheat and hay crops had been entirely ruined.

The secretary of the Buckinghamshire branch, Mr. E. E. Moorhall, said: "I recently heard of a farmer who refused to take a number of acres, even at a very low rent, because it was known to be infested with rabbits. Farmers will not take such land rent free."

An official of the Ministry of Agriculture admitted that there was undoubtedly an increase in the number of rabbits, but said that it did not seem to be prevalent all over the country. "Rabbits increase and decrease in cycles," he added "and at present they are on the increase."

### Boy Spends Rare Coin

Maquoketa, Ia.

Bobby Powers, 10-year-old son of Willis Powers, Maquoketa numismatist, is in bad repute with his father. The lad took a 100-year-old half-dollar from his father's collection and spent it by mistake.

## Lucky Jim Will Still Toy With Death

In Hollywood, Mayfair, and St. Moritz they call Mr. Walter Woollard Lawrence, 30-years-old son of Sir Walter Lawrence, of Hyde Hall, Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire, "Lucky Jim."

He has toyed repeatedly with death in motor races, on the Cresta Run, and in the air since his youth, and now he is well on the way to almost complete recovery from the injuries he received in the aeroplane crash in which his close friends Lord and Lady Plunket and their pilot lost their lives in California in February.

His broken leg still in bandages, he said recently at Hyde Hall that he hopes to compete again for his Cresta trophies next winter (if not this), and that he has not abandoned the idea of playing squash for the Bachelor Club again.

"As for the Cresta... well, I hold two magnificent cups and I'm loath to let them go," he said. "The crash has not destroyed my nerve."

"I was lucky not to lose my leg, and I shall still be able to play games after a fashion." To the magnificent 6ft. 3in. man who is not only first-class on the "bob" run, but a mainstay with bat and ball on his father's private cricket ground and one of the fraternal triumvirate of three brothers in England to an equal match, this is of tremendous importance.

Probably one of the dozen best men in Society on the ballroom floor he also appreciates the fact that he will be able to dance again.

But the accident had made a deep psychological impression on him. "There is only one thing



MLLE. REINE PAULET, French cabaret and cinema star who was recently televised in London, lies badly hurt in Dijon Hospital after a motor accident.

Born in Algiers, of Arab parents, Mlle. Paulet was a teacher in a Japanese Buddhist convent as a young girl, herself becoming a Buddhist.

Then she became an athlete and swimming champion before going on the stage and dancing Arab and Japanese dances in cabaret.

Recently she appeared in a French film, "The Hand of Chance."

## General's Lack Of Sleep

### DEPRESSED, SHOT HIMSELF

The tragedy of a general who had been five times mentioned in despatches and had not slept properly since the war, was revealed at an inquest before the borough coroner, Mr. J. E. Chapple, at Hythe Town Hall, Kent.

Dr. Stanley Williamson gave evidence that he had attended Brig.-Gen. Philip Patrick Evelyn de Berry, who was 66 of Earlsfield Road, Hythe, for a painful complaint. It was not malignant and he was making progress, but he was difficult to convince that this was so.

Gen. de Berry was very introspective and inclined to take too much notice of his symptoms. He had never been a good sleeper, but during his recent illness had been worse.

The doctor said he called at the general's house at 8.30 on Sunday morning and found that he had shot himself in the head with a revolver and then fallen to the floor.

### FIT OF DEPRESSION

Agnes Rose MacKinn, a widow, who had been housekeeper to the general for the past year, said he had told her he had not slept properly since the war.

The coroner, in giving his verdict, said that although Gen. de Berry had been suffering from a painful complaint of which he took a serious view, he had been progressing satisfactorily, and in ordinary circumstances would have made a good recovery.

"His nerves being bad, his illness combined to make him really depressed. During one of those fits of depression, in the middle of the night, when he was alone and could not sleep, he took his life."

"My verdict is that he died through shock from wounds caused by a revolver bullet, self-inflicted while the balance of his mind was disturbed."

The coroner added: "It is sad to think that this is the end of a brilliant career spent in the service of his country."

## Hospitals Must Be Ready Says Health Minister

Mr. Walter Elliot, Minister of Health, says that every hospital in Britain must be ready to receive air raid casualties in a circular he sent to country and borough councils.

Councils, he says, should anticipate plans which will be submitted to them by considering how they can expand existing bed accommodation to meet air raid requirements.

The distinction drawn between casualty clearing and base hospitals is not altogether tenable, he maintains, and he is "giving urgent consideration" to plans to use all suitable accommodation, whether in municipal or general hospitals.

Hospital officers have been appointed in different parts of the country to consider what casualty organisations will be best suited to their areas. "In the event of a serious emergency, every hospital in the country may be required to play some part," says Mr. Elliot.

"Every hospital must be prepared to receive casualties arising from an air raid in the immediate locality, and, in addition, every hospital, except those situated in areas which are expected to be peculiarly subject to attack, and certain hospitals where special medical considerations arise, must be prepared to receive, for such further treatment as may be required, both the casualties and ordinary patients whom it may be necessary to transfer from the more dangerous areas."

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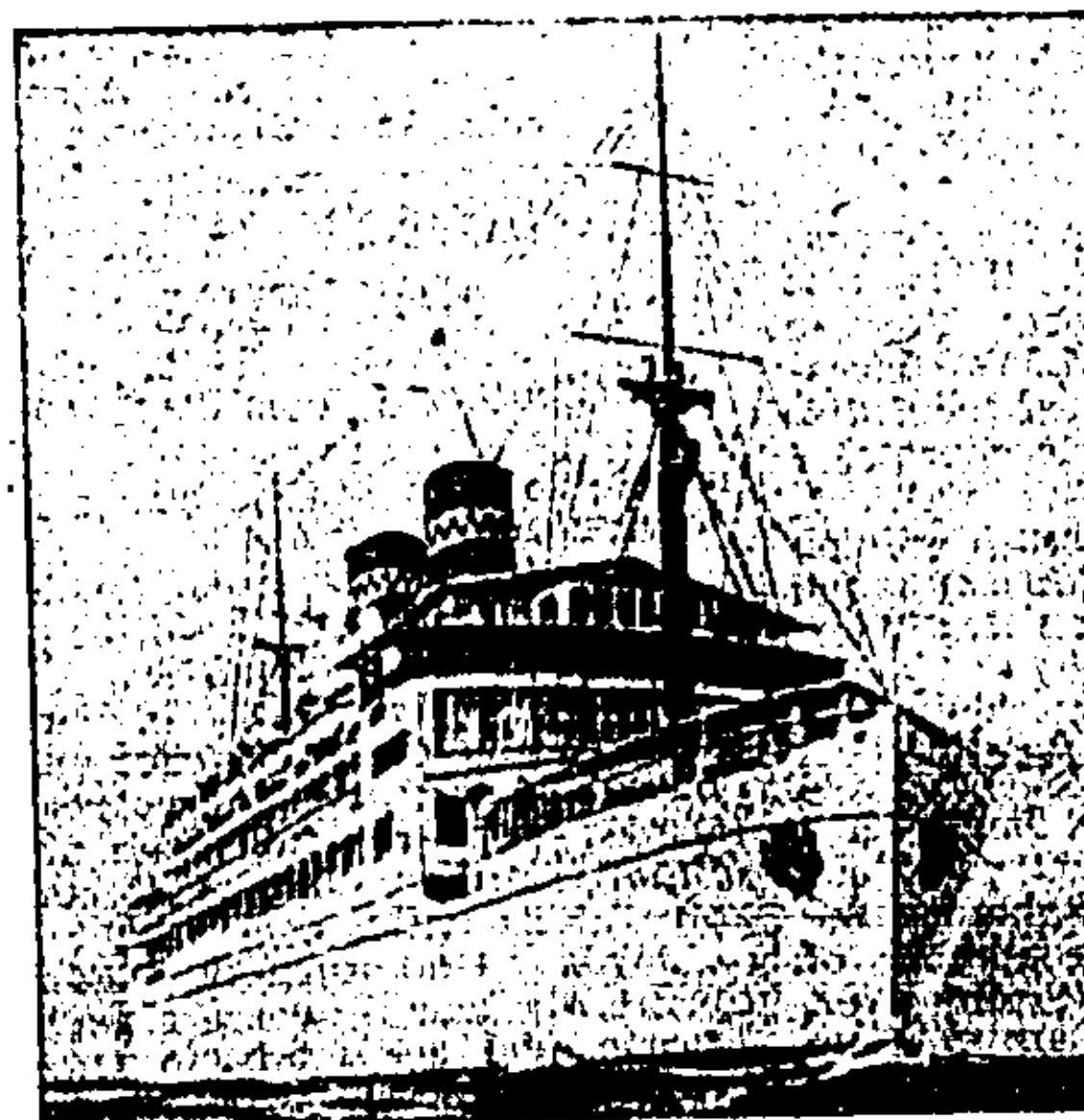
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### SUDETEN AREAS TO BE CEDED?

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labours, seemed to show the least signs of strain.—United Press.

### Constitution Suspended

Prague, Sept. 19. Extraordinary measures applying to the entire State were decided upon by Prague officials here on Saturday evening. Effective for three months, the measures restrict the constitutional rights of Czech citizens, particularly as regards their personal freedom, inviolability of the home, freedom of the Press and of assembly and freedom of communication.

Certain paragraphs in the Constitution can be temporarily set aside by the Government with the approval of the President. It is announced that the authorities have been given permission to inspect mail, to search houses, to prohibit public assemblies, to place clubs and similar organisations under the State's supervision, to prohibit or limit the publication of newspapers and to censor news.—Trans-Ocean.

### Frontier Closed

Prague, Sept. 19. Although it is denied that general mobilisation has been instituted in Czechoslovakia, it is learned here that the frontier has been closed to all men up to 60 years of age. Trains are being searched as they reach the border.—Trans-Ocean.

### More Men Called To Colours

Prague, Sept. 19. The Czechs deny that they are mobilising, but they are evidently calling additional men to the Colours almost hourly.

There are indications that there are at least 600,000 men under arms at present, most of them being concentrated near the frontier and at the mobilisation centres.

Asch is virtually unprotected, the Czechs realising the position from a military point of view is almost untenable.

The wives and families of all members of the British Legation and many members of the British community have set out by train for London. These include Lady Hume.

The wives of the American members of the Legation in Prague are remaining there.—United Press.

### Price For Peace

Paris, Sept. 19. It is semi-officially learned from the Foreign Office that M. Daladier raised the question during the London discussions of whether the price for peace was not a bit too precarious. It was also realised that if everything must be done to preserve peace, the question of the respect of obligations solemnly contracted still exists in its entirety.

This is a reference to the Franco-Czech pact. However, it is also indicated that the French Premier agreed to Mr. Chamberlain's suggestion of the transferring of the entire Sudeten areas as the sole alternative to war.

It is apparent that French opinion will be behind any decision taken jointly by M. Daladier and Mr. Chamberlain.—United Press.

### Attack On Asch

Prague, Sept. 19. In a communiqué the "guerrillas" along the Czech-German border are described as merely "a number of civilians from Germany". However, it is possible that they are a group of Herr Henlein's newly formed Free Corps.

A body of these men with machine guns twice attacked the Asch Customs House before dawn to-day and wounded two Czech customs officials. They retreated into German territory under a heavy retaliatory fire.

"Grenades and bullets were found on the spot and were ascertained to be of German origin. An abandoned time bomb is said to have carried a German inscription, and a 'seven-second fuse'."

It is reliably learned that Germany has formally notified Czechoslovakia that the Reich will offer swift reprisals on Czech citizens in Germany if any Sudeteners are court-martialed by Prague.—United Press.

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### HONGKONG SHIPPERS NOTIFIED

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unable to take out insurance in the near future.

However, there is no indication that similar restrictions will be placed on ships of other countries.

War risk rates from the Far East to Europe have already shot up from one quarter per cent to two per cent, but as yet there has been no discrimination, and these rates apply to ships of all nations.

Lloyds Underwriters, however, apparently fear a worse situation in Europe, and are ready to take discriminatory action if this should occur.

In the meantime German shipping companies and businessmen fear that before this comes about, they will be asked to pay higher war risk rates than those applying to other nations.

### JAPANESE STEAMER FOUNDERS

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the Swedish vessel and was buried at sea. There were original-ly five Japanese in the crew of Matsura Maru.

The Japanese Consul-General in Hongkong, Mr. T. Nakamura, expressed his appreciation for the heroic efforts of the crew of the Swedish vessel.

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## NARCOTICS WAR BY JAPANESE

### ALLEGATIONS AT GENEVA

Geneva, Sept. 18.

During the consideration of the report of the Advisory Committee of the Drug Traffic, the Chinese representative alleged that the Japanese in China, in pursuance of a pre-conceived plan, were deliberately encouraging illicit use of narcotics, and were destroying the body and soul of the Chinese people by a form of chemical warfare more deadly than the use of poison gases.

In North China, he declared, all legal control of the narcotic trade ceased to exist as soon as the Japanese invasion commenced.—Reuter.

## Spent Twenty Years In H.K. Prisons

### But Banishee Came Back For More

Before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams at the Criminal Sessions this morning, four returned banishees were charged with committing a breach of the Deportation Ordinance.

With 14 previous convictions against him, Chan Shing, alias Chan Sing, 44, was charged with returning from life banishment. Mr. J. E. Prentiss, Assistant Crown Solicitor, who prosecuted, remarked that defendant appeared to have spent the last 20 years of his life in gaol. Sentence of three years' hard labour was imposed.

Leung Man, banished for life on August 9 last year, was sentenced to two and a half years' hard labour. He had a bad record, which included five previous breaches of the Deportation Ordinance.

Lui Hing, alias Lui To-hing, was also sentenced to two and a half years' hard labour for returning from life banishment. He had several previous convictions.

At present serving a sentence of nine months' hard labour for larceny from the person, Chan Hung, alias Chan Chuen, was sentenced to two years' hard labour for returning from banishment before the expiration of his period of 10 years. The sentence will date from the expiry of his present term.

### EUROPE BECOMES DIVIDED CONTINENT

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This, the paper says, is a reality which must be appreciated by all, since the Anglo-French co-operation cannot be subjugated to any special interests that change from year to year. The co-operation must remain constant and constitute a permanent force for solving European problems.—Trans-Ocean.

### France-British Accord

London, Sept. 19. After a full discussion of the present international situation the representatives of the British and French Governments are in complete agreement regarding the policy to be adopted with a view to promoting a peaceful solution of the Czechoslovakian question, according to the first official statement issued from Downing Street since the momentary meeting between M. Daladier and M. Bonnet began here yesterday morning.

The two Governments hope that hereafter it will be possible to discuss and consider a more general settlement in the interest of European peace, concludes the brief communiqué.—Reuter.

### I DEFEND THE BUNGALOW DWELLER

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in the roof, the creak of the stairs, and the soft shut of doors as my wife moves about overhead, making sure that the children are safely in bed (yes, believe it or not, we actually have children), the drip of the kitchen tap, and the asthmatic whirring of the grandfather clock in the hall (a family heirloom this.)

It is my belief that all houses have a distinctive personality subtly interwoven with the life that has run through them, and I find mine entirely satisfactory. J. H. C.

### NO SEPTEMBER RAINS TO END THIS DROUGHT

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south-east or variable winds, light to moderate; fair. The thermometer yesterday jumped back to the 88 mark, with a minimum last night of 77. This morning the temperature was 82, while humidity registered 78 per cent.

## MAHWEILING RECAPTURED IN GRIM YANGTSE BATTLE

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defence of Hwangchuan, forming a semi-circular ring guarding the outskirts of the town. Free use of poison gas was again resorted to by the invaders but the Chinese stuck to their ground.

Chinese defenders of Shancheng have effected a strategic withdrawal from the city to guard strongly the cluster of heights to the south-west. The Chinese abandoned Shancheng on the night of September 10 and are opposing the Japanese outside the city.

Shancheng was voluntarily given up by the Chinese as it is surrounded by hills overlooking the city and difficult to defend. It was abandoned after a fierce struggle throughout September 10, when large numbers of Japanese were killed and wounded.

The Japanese strength at Shancheng and its vicinity, according to military intelligence, is estimated at 6,000.—Central News.

### Japanese Advance Checked

Wuning, Sept. 19. A full regiment of Japanese troops, supported by several heavy artillery pieces and advancing westward along the highway from Juichang, was checked to-day at Chanyuanling, midway between Juichang and Wuning.

The Japanese in their drive captured Fengkiapo and Fengkiapo, two small villages west of Juichang.

Sighting a counter-stroke, the Chinese forces in the vicinity of Shashih surrounded a Japanese company and completely wiped the whole force out on the same day. Four field guns and 200 horses were seized, and several Japanese officers held.—Central News.

Hankow, Sept. 18. A steady stream of Japanese warships and transports filed through the Red Cliff gorge past fiercely burning Wusueh to-day, following the fall of the city and its two forts. The Chinese who evacuated Wusueh on Saturday morning are now strongly entrenched in a 600ft. high mountain which is five miles north-west of the city.

For over a week Wusueh has stood out against an incessant barrage of shells and bombs from aeroplanes above, warships below and artillery in the hills across the river.

Chinese defenders have clung tenaciously to the city, despite one of the most terrific bombardments suffered since the fall of Kiukiang. Half a mile above Wusueh and its twin city, Makow, is the first of the three remaining booms of sunken ships.

Almost as soon as the Japanese triumphantly entered Wusueh, the invaders' "death squad" of dynamite divers were at work on the boom, preparing a passage for the waiting transports and warships, which are now only 98 miles by water from the three Wuhan cities.

Japanese naval H.Q. is believed to be hurrying the drive on Hankow owing to the rapidity with which the Yangtze is now falling. They fear that larger warships and transports may be stranded and may not be able to participate in the final battle against Hankow.

Military forces, almost standstill on both sides of the Yangtze, are many miles behind the warships, leaving both banks of the river through which the vessels must pass comparatively unprotected.

### Shangcheng Falls

Hankow, Sept. 19. An official communiqué admits that Japanese troops occupied Shangcheng at 7 a.m. yesterday, the message adding that fighting is raging in the Hwangchuan area but that the city is still in Chinese hands. The heaviest fighting is east of Wusueh where the Japanese are maintaining a heavy fire from the heights to the east.

The communiqué also admits that the Japanese yesterday occupied a strategic point ten miles west of Juichang, along the Yanhsin highway.—United Press.

### Flanking Move

Hankow, Sept. 19. The Japanese, in pursuance of their usual tactics, are planning to attack the rear of important fortifications designed to prevent a Japanese warships steaming up river.

The latest indication of this plan is a Japanese column which to-day attacked the village four miles north-east of Tienchiachen. Tienchiachen is on the left bank, half way to the famous Split Hill forts, about ten miles up the Yangtze. The Japanese troops at Shangcheng appear to be preparing to move southward again towards Macheng. The Chinese troops at Mahweiling have secured the initiative and are attacking the Japanese all along the line.—United Press.

### Terrific War Costs

Tokyo, Sept. 18. With large armed forces still stationed in the Japanese occupied areas in China, Japan's extraordinary military expenditure for the fiscal year of 1939-1940 will exceed 3,250,000,000 yen figure available in the current fiscal year, Domei learned on good authority.

It is understood that detailed figures of the extraordinary military expenditure for the next fiscal year will be fixed in accordance with the prospective situation following the fall of Hankow.

Rough estimates of the ordinary military expenditure for the coming fiscal year have already been submitted by the War Ministry to the Finance Ministry for examination. Part of the extraordinary military expenses will be used for replenishing the air force in view of the China

## N.T. Robber Gang Caught By Police

### Hard Labour For Men Who Terrorised Nunneries

Members of a gang believed to have been responsible for a large number of robberies in nunneries in the New Territories during the past few months, three men, Liu Kam, 41, Cheung Sang, 27, and Chiu Chung, 23, appeared before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Liu was charged on one count of robbery, while Cheung faced one count of receiving stolen property and robbery. Chiu was charged with Cheung on two of the robbery counts.

Mr. J. B. Prentiss, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, and said that the case was a serious one. It arose out of a series of robberies which took place in the New Territories during June and August. The robberies were carried out by a gang of four or five men, and all followed the same lines. The robbers gained entry into the nunneries by breaking a hole in the roofs. They terrorised the occupants and robbed them of money, jewellery and clothing.

Among the places robbed were the Hung Sing Temple, and the Ching Wai Tong, Wong Ching Tong, Cheung Shan and Po Chan Tong nunneries.

It appeared that Cheung was the leader of the band, continued Mr. Prentiss, and in the case of the last two robberies in which he had been accompanied by Chiu, violence had been used. There was no evidence that Liu had been connected with any of the other robberies beyond the one with which he was charged. Liu was sentenced to three years' hard labour; Cheung to two years on the receiving count, three years on one of the robbery counts, concurrent with the first term, and to a further two years on another robbery count, this to be served consecutively. On the two counts in which he was charged with Chiu, Cheung was sentenced to two years' hard labour on each, these terms to be concurrent with the others. Chiu was sentenced to a total of three and a half years' hard labour on the two counts against him.

### CHURCHES PRAY FOR PEACE

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has been continuously open for prayers for peace.

To-day, at all the usual services, the seats were filled and the entrance had to be closed long before services began.

Throughout last night there was a constant procession of people who had come to pray, and many knelt all night around the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.—British Wireless.

affair as well as the delicate international situation, it is further pointed out.—Domei.

### Shangcheng's Fall

Hankow, Sept. 19. Admitting the fall of Shangcheng in south-eastern Honan, Chinese Military Headquarters reported yesterday that the defenders were stubbornly holding on to Huangchuan (Kwangchow) in the same sector.

A heavy downpour is making conditions most unpleasant for the Chinese and Japanese forces fighting just outside the city. Chinese forces are being rushed into the disputed area by the Hupoh border and the Peiping Hankow Railway. The communiqué states that after severe fighting on the outskirts of Shangcheng about 6,000 Japanese troops entered the city on Friday afternoon. On the South Yangtze front the Japanese and Chinese forces are facing each other at Fengkiapo and Chichuanling, west of Juichang. The Japanese occupied Shanchashan, according to the Chinese communiqué, after several days of desperate fighting and now the Chinese are launching a counter-attack in the hope of recapturing the last hill, according to a military despatch from Tehran.

At the same time the Chinese soldiers are said to be engaging two detachments of Japanese troops at Panchashan, east of Wusueh, which is practically levelled to the ground by the severe naval and aerial bombardments which assisted the artillery attack.—Reuter.

### Mukden Anniversary

Shanghai, Sept. 18. The seventh anniversary of the Mukden incident passed quietly here while drizzling cool rain dampened the spirits of any would-be demonstrators.

Chinese flags were at half-mast in the Settlement and the French Concession and places of amusement were closed.

Chinese business houses offered yesterday's profits to the Government, while Chinese residents were asked to eat only vegetables and save the meat and fish money for refugees. Communications by land and inland waterways with the outside of Shanghai were blocked by Japanese to thwart guerrillas, and ferry boats and river boat services were suspended in the Whangpoo. The Chinese wireless stations were all silent and at midnight not a single bombing or shooting has been reported.—Reuter.

## POST OFFICE.

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Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date.	Imperial Airways Plane	September 23.
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### OUTWARD MAILS

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Parcels only for Singapore, Penang, Ceylon, Aden, Egypt and London—due London, 20th October.	Sarpedon	Tues., Sept. 20, 5 p.m.

For	Per	Date and Time.
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## Ex-Politician Gaoled For Theft On Ship

### Hongkong Doctor Victimised

Mr. M. Tallon, Shipping Agent for American Lloyd Ltd., and Captain W. H. Thomas, port captain in charge of operations for the Dollar Steamship Company, gave evidence before Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning which led to the conviction of Chan Kwok-yun, an unemployed politician, on a charge of theft.

Mr. Tallon was with Dr. Talbot in his cabin on board the President Cleveland when it was discovered that the lock of Dr. Talbot's trunk had been broken and some money was missing.

Mr. Tallon called the purser who in turn notified Captain Thomas. About this time a man was seen walking up the stairs and the purser's clerk pointed him out as a fellow he had noticed before, and had taken to be Dr. Talbot's "boy".

When intercepted by the Indian policeman the defendant had a tin in his pocket as well as a statement key which fitted Dr. Talbot's cabin.

Defendant denied the charge, insisting he didn't steal anything and stating that the key was given him by another man whom he did not know. He was unable to explain his reason for being on board the President Cleveland.

On the charge of theft Mr. Barnett sentenced him to three months' hard labour, and on the second charge a fine of \$14 was imposed, the prisoner to be sent back to Canton by the Deportation Office at the expiration of sentence.

## Sick Passenger Delayed Ship, Captain Fined

Captain L. V. Rowe, of the s.s. Shu Yang, was fined \$5 by Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court today on a summons stating that he, being the master of the ship, left port at a time not previously notified and not approved by the Hon. I.G.P.

Captain Rowe admitted the summons but pleaded that extenuating circumstances had caused his steamer to sail an hour late on September 6. The ship was scheduled to leave the harbour at 12 p.m. but left at 1 p.m., as much trouble had been caused by a very sick passenger who had to be removed from the steamer.

## MATCHED ROBBERY

The loss of three watches valued at \$70 from the No. 2 matchbox at Tatum Bench on September 17 has been reported to the Police by O. Mornella of the Maryknoll Mission.

## 41,300 Heroin Pills Seized In Big Raid

Sentences ranging from two to two and a half years' hard labour were imposed on three drug traffickers by Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The possession of 41,300 heroin pills and 22½ pounds of pink mass containing diacetylmorphine led to Cheung Lam, 18-year old unemployed, being sentenced to two and a half years' hard labour.

Prisoner, who pleaded guilty to the charge, was arrested in a house in Staunton Street on August 23, following a raid by Revenue Officers. The pink mass was sufficient to make approximately 36,700 pills.

## ANOTHER BIG HAUL

Found guilty on a charge of possession of 20,112 heroin pills, Lau Ming-hing received a sentence of two years' hard labour. According to Mr. J. Wynne, Crown Counsel, accused was arrested on August 6 at Queen's Road West by Constable Cheung Lan-sang, D272.

Defendant was carrying a parcel, and when it was discovered that the contents were heroin pills, he said he had been told to carry it in payment of 40 cents.

The following Jury tried the case: Messrs. E. Manning (Foreman), C. A. Lopes, L. G. Ribeiro, F. J. Wilkenson, E. F. Fincher, J. Braga and M. Davis.

A similar sentence was imposed on Ma Yuet, 27, unemployed, who was charged with possession of 20,000 heroin pills. Accused was arrested by a District Watchman in Lockhart Road on the morning of August 4.

After the Crown's case had been concluded, accused, who originally pleaded not guilty, admitted the offence and asked for leniency.

As a result, His Lordship directed the Jury to return a formal verdict of guilty. The following comprised the Jury: Messrs. L. B. Gomes (Foreman), Hew Ah-lun, Wong King-cho, Lo Chun-wan, Lam Hui-cho, J. A. da Costa Gonsalves and Wong Tai-cho.

## BURGLARS ACTIVE IN KOWLOON

Gaining entrance to the house by means of an open verandah door, some person stole a silver cigarette case valued at \$98 from the residence of Dr. A. Dawson Grove at Humphrey's Building between 7.30 and 11.30 p.m. yesterday.

A watch and chain valued at \$50 was stolen from the residence of C. F. Lee in Ashley Road yesterday. Ng Kai-chuen reports the loss of \$80 from his room at the Mee Chow Hotel some time yesterday morning.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### REPLIES TO "A GERMAN"

To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—Although "A German" may not have agreed with your leader "Law of Force" he cannot complain that you did not give him sufficient space to say so. But an Englishman would like an opportunity of defending the statesmen referred to as "Versailles dictators". Would the leaders of the group of powers then known as the Central Powers have imposed any easier terms on Great Britain, France, etc. if they had won the Great War? Does "A German" really think they would have done so?

Twenty years have passed since then and we have now been taught to say that no one wins a war and the after effects are as bad for victors as for the defeated. That is no doubt true, but in actual fighting it took four years and millions of lives before the Central Powers were beaten.

I do not blame Germany or any other country for altering by force the terms of the peace treaties when they are strong enough to do so, but it is unfair for anyone 20 years later to condemn the signatories of the treaties when peace had only been won at such a cost.

"A German" writes of the contribution made towards France—the renunciation of Alsace-Lorraine. But the fact is that in the course of winning back those provinces the whole of northern France was devastated and the best of French manhood was killed.

L. A. ANNING.

Sir,—"A German's" claim to the right of self-determination for German minorities would have more sympathy to-day had not Germany herself suppressed that right for her own minorities—the unhappy Jews, the Catholics, Non-conformists, anti-Nazi Austrians and the internees of her concentration camps.

"A German" talks of Germany's renunciation of Alsace-Lorraine as if these two former French areas were voluntarily surrendered to France. He does not dwell on the fate of the French people in Alsace-Lorraine who, for 48 years, were minorities under the German flag and who suffered hardships such as Sudetens—it competent and unbiased writers are to be believed—have never been called upon to face in democratic Czechoslovakia.

In view of the fact that you published "A German's" letter, his emphasised remarks about "Freedom of the Press" were unfortunate, especially also in view of the well-known "freedom" of the German press.

Britons do not want war, nor do the peoples of other democracies. But if war is thrust upon democracy they will not be unprepared, as Belgium was in 1914 and Austria was last year.

A BRITON.

## Daring Larceny Of Bullion Alleged

Two boatwomen, Au Luk, 47, and Chau Sam, 35, appeared before Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning charged with larceny by finding of certain amounts of money, the property of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Chau is alleged to have found \$300 in Chinese 20 cents pieces on board a cargo boat and to have appropriated it to herself, although she could reasonably believe at that time that the owner of the money could be found.

Au is accused of appropriating 47 silver dollars.

It is understood that the money was part of a bullion shipment that was being conveyed across the harbour to a steamer for transportation to some other port.

Both women were remanded. Chau was allowed bail in \$400 and Au \$200. Mr. Hui-shing Lo represented the defendants.

## EDUCATIONIST PASSES AWAY

Miss Jane A. Schermerhorn, well-known local educationist, died to-day at 10.45 a.m. at the Matilda Hospital at the age of 77.

She had been headmistress of the American Pentecostal Holiness Mission and other Chinese and English schools in the Colony. She spent more than 25 years of her life in China.

## Gang Leader, Receives Four Years' Gaol

### Brutal Attack On European Woman

Arising out of the raid by an armed gang on End Cottage, Kai Tak, on July 5, during which Mrs. Lafleur was seriously wounded in a fight with the robbers, Cheung Tak, 33-year-old gangster, was sentenced to four years' hard labour at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

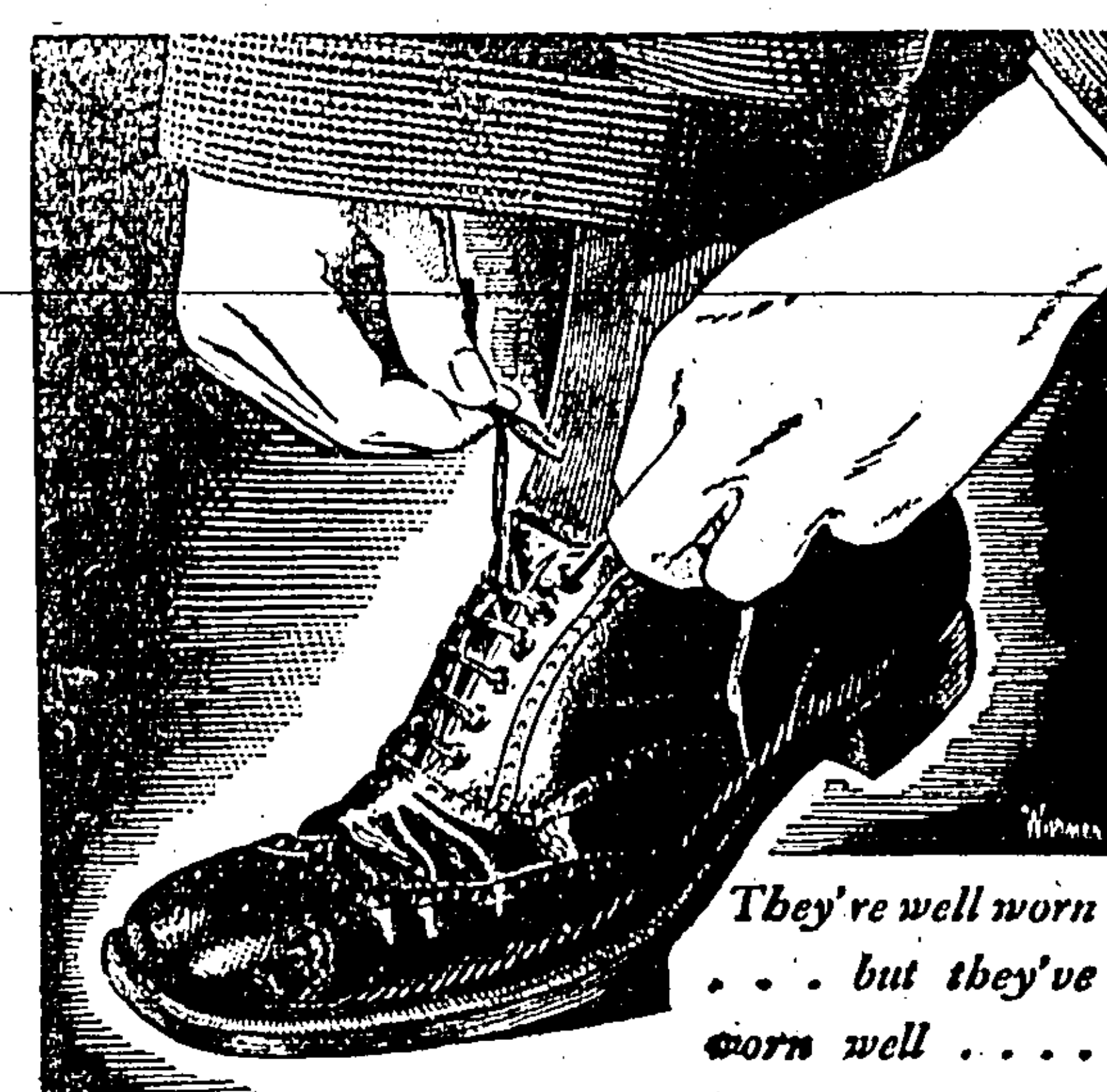
Cheung pleaded guilty to a charge of wounding Mrs. Lafleur. Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, Acting Chief Justice, said that on prisoner's own confession he had made a dastardly and brutal attack on a woman, and although the object of it was not clear, nevertheless he went there armed with a dagger and inflicted a blow in the abdomen of his victim, which had it been more direct, might have proved fatal.

It will be recalled that Mrs. Lafleur was attacked by three men, and received a glancing blow in the abdomen. Accused was subsequently arrested underneath a boulder on the hillside about two or three miles from the cottage.

## TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Jumping off a tram which was in motion in Hennessy Road yesterday, a man named Liu Shui slipped and fell and was later sent to the Queen Mary Hospital in an unconscious condition.

Falling from a bus in Nathan Road yesterday, a woman, Cheung Suk-chun, was sent to the Kowloon Hospital with injuries to her arm.

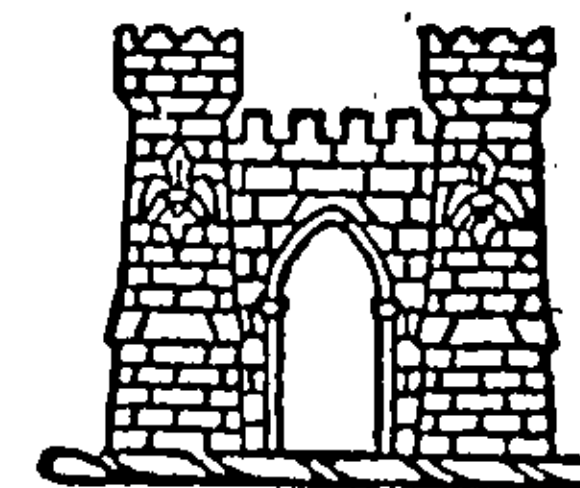


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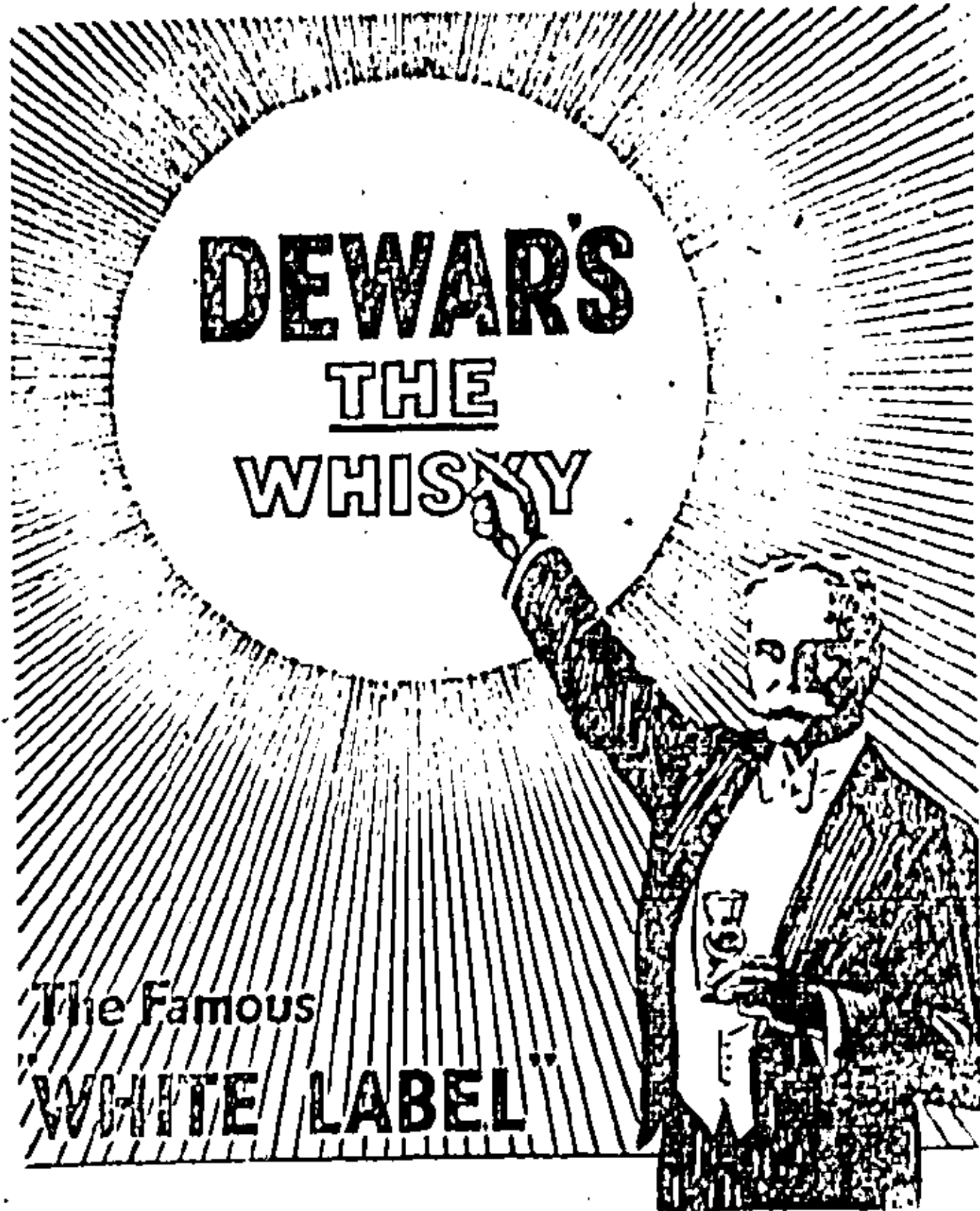
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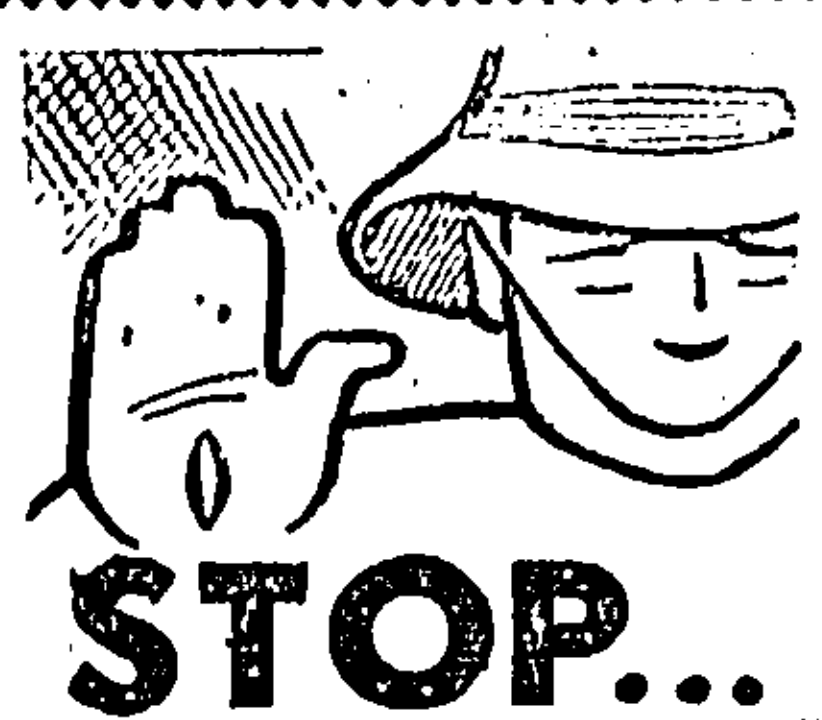
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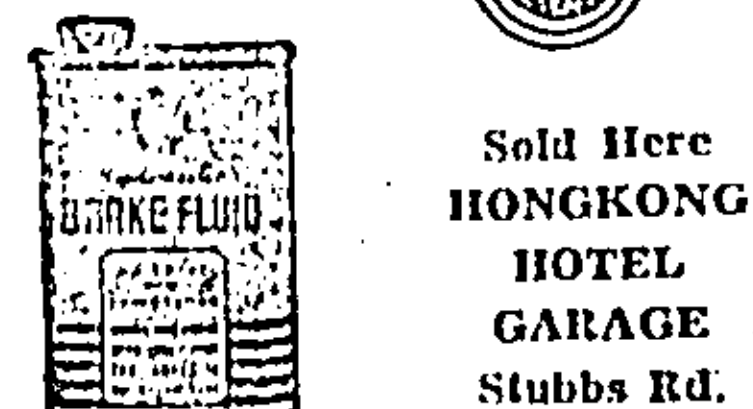
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**The Hongkong Telegraph.**  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1938.

**WATER**  
It is undeserved ill-luck that Hongkong should be visited by its worst drought in 43 years at a time when its thirst for water is greater than at any other period in its century of history. Exceeding 1895, when only 46 inches of rain were recorded, this year will almost certainly end as the driest since the Royal Observatory began functioning, for it will need record rains in November and December—almost invariably the driest months of the year—for the total to approach anywhere near even the next lowest recorded fall of 57 inches of exactly forty years ago. The revelation last week that the Colony's reservoirs contain only sufficient water for a further three months' supply at the present rate of consumption is, in view of the approaching dry season, most disturbing. Per capita consumption of water has increased alarmingly in recent years—in 1936 it was 629 gallons per month per capita and in August this year 858 gallons per capita. Government apprehensions regarding wastage are not ill-founded and if Hongkong is not to have re-enacted the almost catastrophic shortage of 1929, when the Colony was on the point of importing water from Canton and Macao, more stringent measures will have to be taken.

At the same time, Government cannot escape criticism for the recurrence of Hongkong's perennial water difficulties. The position has, of course, been aggravated by this year's drought, coupled with the abnormal and unexpected increase in population, but as long ago as April last year—six months before the outbreak of hostilities in China—Government was warned in no uncertain terms in a Report on the Water Supply prepared by Mr. W. Woodward that the provision of further supplies would have to be put in hand as early as possible if restrictions were to be avoided. In adopting Mr. Woodward's proposals for the expenditure of \$3,185,000 for urgent improvements and additional supply mains, Government avoided the major requirement for ending the perennial shortages—construction of another huge reservoir in the Tai Lam Chung Valley area. Government's indecision in embarking upon any new loan undertaking of such magnitude, involving as it would the expenditure of at least \$10,000,

## I Defend The BUNGALOW DWELLER

THE bungalow dweller seems to me to be a much maligned man. We have long been familiar with aesthetic criticism of his dwelling, which is really a gallant attempt to meet a difficult housing situation. Did not a certain gloomy Dean speak disparagingly of "bungalowoid growths"? His propensity for borrowing his neighbour's gardening tools keeps the comic cartoonist busy, and music-hall comedians regard him as unfailing topic of national humour.

Of late some journalist with a vivid imagination has detected a new disease, "suburban neurosis." We are invited to picture the suburbs as a sort of reservation for frustrated neurotics. Childless wives (it's much more fun to run a baby car, you know), quickly get through their housework in their nice new easily run bungalows, and sit with folded arms looking out on to the miniature patch of rock garden in the deepest gloom. In the evening they play endless rubbers of bridge in a vain effort to keep boredom at bay.

There is also a prevalent idea that the bungalow dweller is invariably a man of straw. A speaker at a luncheon recently described him as being "up" to the neck in paying instalments for his house, his car, his furniture, and his pram.

I frankly admit that I borrowed money when I took over my house, and furnished it on the deferred payment plan. We wanted to start off our married life in comfortable, healthy, and dignified surroundings, and we did not choose to risk the hazards of furnished rooms while we scraped together enough to buy a decent house of our own.

But in a world of which the vital mainspring is credit, who shall say that my plan was wrong? I carefully adjusted my liabilities to my income, and my prospects are good. Meaning I have given a flippant, infinitesimal, I admit, to employment, and I am secure in the present enjoyment of many comforts and not a few of the luxuries of modern life.

Biased critics may dismiss my abode as a harled abortion, but I have a deep and abiding affection for it.

For one thing, I visited the site often when it was being built, and watched it rise from foundations to roof, my interest growing with it. By dint of making myself a nuisance to the workmen I learned quite a lot of interesting information.

Apart from the bright newness of my house, and its hygienic, planned comfort, the beautiful surroundings are enough to convince me that I could never live happily again in a noisy, crowded city street, and I never dreamt that gardening could be such an absorbing and soothing pastime.

In the evenings when I sit in the cheerful living room with a book, I am pleasantly aware of the rich obligato of my bungalow—the whistling of the wind

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000, is understandable from the point of view of financial stability, but the time has come when further procrastination may well menace the existence of this Colony. Government cannot afford to nourish the hope that the population of Hongkong, even after the cessation of hostilities in China, will decline very sharply below its present level, and the natural annual gains in population will more than offset any post-war exodus within two or three years. To endeavour to tackle the problem by reducing the per capita consumption is both unhygienic and dangerous; Government, in fact, should be in a position to encourage the general tendency of the Chinese to use more water as a result of their increasing knowledge of Western standards of public health and hygiene.

A close perusal by competent Government officials of the Woodward Report, in addition to those already authorised, is vitally necessary in the light of the present position.

WICKHAM STEED v. LORD ROTHERMERE

## AMAZING LETTERS ON CZECH CRISIS

REMARKABLE correspondence which has passed between Lord Rothermere and Mr. Wickham Steed, the publicist and journalist, following the publication in the "Daily Mail" of an article "How Long Shall the Czechs Imperil Peace?" is made public.

In that article, which appeared on July 18, Lord Rothermere declared that:—

If the question of the Czech minorities were not settled to the complete satisfaction of Germany by the end of September, no astute observer of European affairs would consider Czech independence to be worth three months' purchase. The Czechs have been the petty bullies of Central Europe long enough," he added. "The Czech Government will have a rude awakening if it imagines that Great Britain will ever lift a finger to save Czechoslovakia."

### "Position Clear"

On July 18, Mr. Wickham Steed sent the following letter to Lord Rothermere:—

I HAVE rarely written to you, but I must write after reading your article in this morning's "Daily Mail," for that article, based on misleading information, may help to bring on a European war which Great Britain would willy-nilly be drawn in.

Why you should wish to weaken the defence of this country by encouraging Germany to attack and, if possible, to obliterate Czechoslovakia is a mystery to me.

I can readily understand why Germany should wish you to do this. Czechoslovakia juts out into the heart of Germany. Her existence as a well-armed State, inhabited by a determined and efficient people impedes German domination over Central and South-Eastern Europe. This is an indispensable preliminary to a final German reckoning with the British Empire, which forms the ultimate obstacle to German supremacy in the world. It would be dangerous for Germany to attack either France or Great Britain as long as the Czechoslovak Republic is able, as it now is, to mobilise 900,000 well-armed and well-trained troops in a week; to dispose of a powerful air force which could threaten Dresden and Leipzig, Munich and Nuremberg in half an hour in case of German attack, and to control the great armaments works of Skoda and Wlitoska.

In order to crush Czechoslovakia, Hitler would need at least 1,000 aeroplanes and three million men. These aeroplanes and these men would be available against Great Britain and France were Czechoslovakia overthrown. Moreover, if Wlitoska, Skoda and their various branches below ground were to fall into the hands of Germany, her facilities for the manufacture of armaments would be double those of the rest of the world.

It is comprehensible that Germany should wish to be rid of this Czechoslovak thorn in her flesh. It is not comprehensible that any British journal, no matter how inadvertently, should help her to get rid of it. Such a course is not compatible with the loyalty to "King and Empire" which the "Daily Mail" professes.

I need not remind you of the patriotic part played by the "Daily Mail" between 1900 and 1914 in arousing this country to a sense of the German danger, nor of its steadfast action throughout the War, in helping to withstand that danger.

Two of your sons then gave their lives in this cause. Would they approve of what you are now doing?

For this country and the Empire the position is clear. Either we stand with France and other friends against German domination of Europe, while there is still time to avert that domination, and while we still have friends, or we shall presently be confronted with a Germany mistress of the greater part of Europe, and a desperate, friendless fight for existence in which the odds would be heavily against us.

So I urge you to bethink yourself, to learn the truth and to proclaim it. This is your duty as a newspaper owner and as a British peer.

### "Monstrosity"

On August 3, Lord Rothermere wrote to Mr. Wickham Steed:—

YOUR letter flatters me. It suggests that an article by me in the "Daily Mail" is exerting a great influence on the affairs of Czechoslovakia.

I sincerely hope this is so, because the more the truth about this monstrosity of a country becomes known the less chance there is that the British people will allow their Government to associate itself directly or indirectly in its affairs.

From the day Czechoslovakia came into existence, it has oppressed the German, Hungarian, Slovak and Polish minorities. It has done so without protest, because the League of Nations until lately was entirely controlled by France with her allies, including Czechoslovakia.

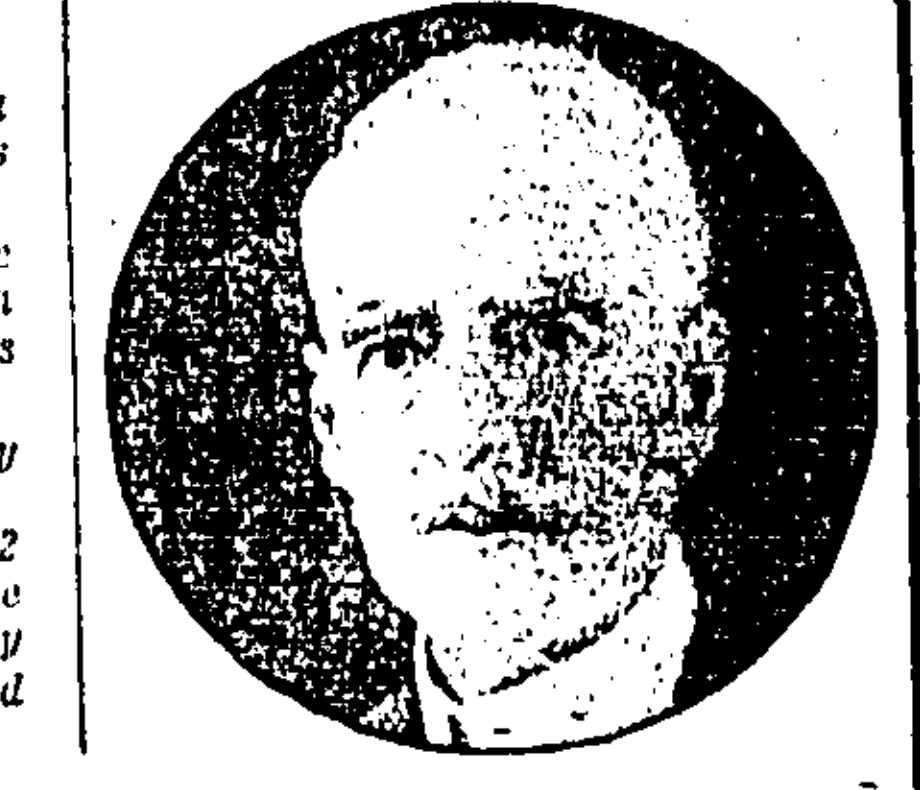
I am afraid you are one of those journalistic Bourbons of whom there are many. You seem to have forgotten nothing and learned nothing. You seem to think that 1938 is still 1914. You do



LORD ROTHERMERE, son of a barrister, was born 70 years ago.

When he was 21, he entered the publishing business of which his brother Alfred, afterwards Lord Northcliffe, was head. In 1914 he bought the "Daily Mirror" from his brother. After his brother's death in 1922 he took over for some years the proprietorship of the "Daily Mail," "Weekly Dispatch" and "Evening News."

HENRY WICKHAM STEED, son of a Suffolk solicitor, was born 67 years ago and was educated at Sudbury Grammar School and at three Universities—Jena, Berlin and Paris. At the age of 25 he was made acting Berlin Correspondent of the "Times." Later he was "Times" man in Rome and Vienna and Foreign Editor of the "Times" from 1914-1919. Was Editor from 1919 to 1922 when the paper was sold to Major Astor.



## Hitch-Hiking Through Britain

HE and I were making for the hostel at Edinburgh. "Come far?" I asked him, looking at the big rucksack slung between his shoulders. Mentally I calculated 15 miles. "I have come from Aviemore," he said.

"One hundred and forty miles! How did you do it?"

He jerked an expressive finger over his shoulder. "Hitch-hiked." Something told me he was a stranger, and I asked him. "I'm a Dane," he informed me.

Later he let me into his secret. "This hitch-hiking is a great idea," he said. "For myself, I landed at Hull, went to York to see the buildings there, from York down to Cambridge, where I wanted to see the University; then I retraced my steps to Scotland, and I have been right through your country." He spoke English perfectly.

"Do you always hitch-hike?" I asked.

"Most often. I intend to go through France, Belgium, and Germany on my way home. I have already been in Sweden, Czechoslovakia, and many other European countries. In Germany the practice is forbidden, and the police stop you if they see you hailing cars. That happened to me, so I took a train to another village a few miles away, and began all over again."

"What's the secret of it?" I asked.

He pulled from his pocket a small red pennant with a white cross. "This is the Danish flag. If lifts are not forthcoming I tie it round my neck. It makes people stop, and, when they find I am a stranger to the country, they are most pleased to lift me. They like to hear what I think of their country, and are also most interested in Danish customs."

"In Czechoslovakia, however, I found it difficult. The Czechs thought I was a German and they wouldn't pick me up. So I went into a shop and bought a Union Jack. I was lifted right away. The man asked me where I came from and I said London. He only knew a few words of English, for which I was thankful—for at that time my command of your language was extremely slight."

"I got over it, however, and used the Union Jack all the time. Your flag is greatly respected on the Continent, especially in France, where they would never refuse a British person a lift."

"It's great fun, but you must have a good constitution to be able to stand the strain of so much continuous travelling. One thing, though; it gives you a much better insight into the manners and customs of the people, and you get to know more about them than you would by travelling in the ordinary manner."

"And where are you bound for now?"

"London," he said casually, and went off to make arrangements for the journey.

T. M. C.

## Tricycle Ridden 578 Miles

Sydney.

Alfred Wilkinson, 44, Melbourne ex-serviceman, completed a 578-mile ride from Melbourne to Sydney on a child's tricycle in 9 days, 23 hours and 25 minutes to win a bet. The original wager of \$125 was that he could not ride the distance in 21 days. With other bets Wilkinson has won a total of £125.

## Pastor Aids Sports Lovers

Greenville, N. H.

So that parishioners will not have to forego church attendance if they wish to enjoy outings, picnics or sports on Sundays, Rev. Albert W. Derbyshire is holding special summer services at 8.30 a.m. every week to which persons of all denominations, attired as they please, are welcome.







# PORTUGAL WINS INTERNATIONAL BOWLS TOURNAMENT

## SCOTLAND LOSES BY MARGIN OF ONLY ONE SHOT EXCITING ENDING TO AN INTERESTING TIE

(By "Abc")

Represented by J. A. Luz, H. A. Alves, R. F. Luz and F.X.M. da Silva (skip), Portugal yesterday won the Gutierrez International bowls shield for the first time since the inception of the competition by beating Scotland (John Watson, J. Gellatly, J. McKelvie and R. Duncan) in the final on the Civil Service C.C. green.

Portugal's victory was more or less expected; but the Scots put up a terrific fight after allowing their opponents to run away with a lead of 10-4, and finished up by being one shot behind, the final scores being 17-16.

The end was very exciting indeed. Commencing the last head only one shot in arrears, the Scots made a gallant attempt to snatch a win; but the jack did not run kindly for them. Instead of going to their back woods, it was squeezed in between a Portuguese and Scottish wood, both of which were touching it, the game thus terminating with a "dead" head. A feature of the game was the way in which each side took turns in scoring. Trailing behind at 2-4 the Portuguese took charge of the match from the sixth head and scored on every end until the 13th, by which time they had taken the lead by 16-4.

### SCOTS RECOVER

Then with a two, the Scots broke the spell and they in turn monopolised the scoring from the 13th to the 18th heads. The run took them to within two shots of their opponents' total, and when the 19th head was started, the Portuguese were leading by 16-14.

On the 19th, the Portuguese registered a single to lead 17-14, but the Scots came back with a brace on the 20th.

The 21st was a "dead" head after the jack had been moved, and the Portuguese thus became victors by the narrowest possible margin. As indicated by the scores, neither side was playing really consistent bowls. With the exception of McKelvie, who was playing a very good game throughout, the Portuguese front men generally outshone their opposite numbers; on the other hand, Duncan was more in the limelight than Silva, whose task for the most part consisted of putting down blocks.

There were a few fine heads, but a consistently high standard was not maintained. Young Luz, for instance, often had Watson beaten with one good once in the same head. The same remark applies to Watson, who did not seem to be playing up to his usual high standard. Alves was the most consistent man in the Portuguese rink and was responsible for several beautiful drawing shots during the afternoon. His opponent, Gellatly, had one great asset in that he was very seldom short, but he seldom succeeded when his skip wanted a quiet draw.

### UNFORTUNATE WOOD

As already stated, McKelvie was in fine fettle and was more effective than R. F. Luz. On several occasions when the Portuguese had the shot, he drew dead to the jack. On the last head, he was unfortunate with a very fine shot which deserved a

better reward than it actually received.

Duncan started off very well by drawing two lovely shots in the very first head when his front men were outplayed. Portugal retaliated by taking two singles to tie the scores, and Scotland also won the next two ends with singles to lead 4-2.

It was in the sixth head that Silva became prominent with a shot which moved the jack to give Portugal three. The three shots, however, were fully a yard away from the jack, but Duncan was too heavy with his last wood, and Silva himself missed a great opportunity of adding a fourth by also being too heavy.

The seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth heads were all Portugal's. The run should have been stopped on the eleventh, at which stage the Portuguese were leading 14-4. McKelvie drew first shot after the elder Luz had taken the jack almost to the ditch; but Silva, in attempting to play McKelvie's wood through, was very narrow and hit one of the Portuguese front woods up for the first shot.

### DUNCAN SHINES

Duncan was responsible for Scotland's success on the 13th. The Portuguese were lying two when the skips went down, but Duncan pushed the jack through to give his side two. Following this up, Scotland also won the next five heads. They were a trifle lucky to take two on the 18th, however. Portugal was lying two until McKelvie sprang the jack, but though the Portuguese still had two when the kitty had come to rest, the shots were yards away. R. F. Luz immediately drew first shot a yard in front. Duncan was

working with his first delivery, Silva too heavy with his first, and Duncan drew first shot two feet in front. Silva knocked up Duncan's front wood in his second attempt and gave the Scots two. With a single on the 19th, the Portuguese led 17-14. On the 20th, Silva had bad luck in giving the Scots an extra shot when he attempted to push a wood through. Lying two when he had one more wood to go, Duncan took no chances and sent it to "Talkoo."

Only one shot behind at the start of the 21st head, the Scots' hopes were raised when Watson put his first wood only inches away from the kitty; but Luz rose to the occasion by resting it out. Watson failed narrowly to repeat the performance and his wood ended up two feet behind the jack. Gellatly missed taking the jack by inches with both woods, while Alves tried to block the drawing hand. When the No. 3's went on, the Scots were in a more favourable position although Portugal had the shot. While Luz was instructed to put his woods in front, McKelvie almost succeeded, he would have left Scotland with two or three. He hit the wood all right, but it was only a glancing blow and the wood went along with the jack. After a



LET'S PUT THE TALE ON IT! R. F. Luz and J. McKelvie, the No. 3's of the Portuguese and Scottish rinks respectively, measuring a shot during the International Bowls final played yesterday on the Civil Service C.C. green. Portugal won the encounter by the narrow margin of one shot. Also seen in the picture are H. A. Alves, John Watson, J. F. McGowan (umpire), J. Gellatly and Joe Luz.—Staff Photographer.

## Southampton Could Rival Portsmouth Bold Norwich Build Strong Team

(By Arbitrator (Frank M. Carruthers))

The clubs of the south have never ceased to believe that they made a bad bargain when they forfeited their rights in following the flag of the Football League. Possibly they conceded more than they received in abandoning the Southern League, but those who have seized their opportunities have undoubtedly benefited in entering a bigger world.

Some have advanced into the First Division; half a dozen are in the Second. They have, of course, met with keener competition; but I do not think they would like to change their status.

Sometimes it is complained that they have not the resources to advance further, but, for instance, what Portsmouth have accomplished should be possible in the case of Southampton, and, in spite of the handicap of their geographical position, Plymouth Argyle have shown that they might win a place in the highest class.

### TRESADERN'S TASK

Something went wrong at Plymouth last season. Rumours are untrustworthy, but we know that they dropped their pilot, and Mr. Robert Jack, faithful to Scottish traditions, had founded a style which they played and whatever results they achieved. Now Mr. John Tresadern is in control, and while he is essentially English in his outlook, I imagine that his aim will be to maintain the polish and culture of Plymouth football.

There have not been the usual Scottish importations. There are, in fact, only three or four new players, and they may not be ready for inclusion in the side. But team work can overcome many shortcomings. Mr. Tresadern, however, does not face a simple task.

Nor does Mr. Tom Parker at Southampton; but the club seemed to be fired by a new ambition. Clubs in Southampton's position seem to me to make a mistake in living from season to season instead of forming a definite policy and holding fast to it. I do not believe this can be done by engaging players to meet an immediate requirement; certainly it cannot be done when, having got a good player, they transfer him.

Careful examination, the Portuguese were satisfied that the head was "dead" and proceeded to put blockers. Duncan failed to alter the position, and the Portuguese were thus successful by one shot.

### Scores:

Scotland	Portugal
1	2
2	2
3	2
4	1
5	1
6	4
7	4
8	4
9	4
10	4
11	4
12	4
13	2
14	1
15	2
16	1
17	2
18	2
19	2
20	2
21	1

\* "Dead" head.

Possibly I should take a different view if I were a director and there was a chance to reduce a bank overdraft. Well, Southampton might have obtained a substantial fee for their wing forward Osman, and it is a good sign that they would not consider the offers received.

Mr. Parker's old club have progressed since he returned to them as manager, and though the struggle will go on, I think he may look forward to a greater margin of safety.

Mr. Neil McBain was not able to keep out of the game for long, and at Luton he will have ample scope for his activities. He will find, too, that his directors are just as energetic, having an intimacy with the club's affairs that is unusual. It has been said that Luton's directors are too active, but they can point to a record which does them credit.

Luton had a team up to the average Second Division strength last season, and while there is now nothing to indicate that they will rise above it, Mr. McBain is an able manager, capable of getting the best out of players.

### BRADFORD PROGRESS

While directors have an important part to play, the man in charge of the staff really obtains the results, and already the work of Mr. Steele at Bradford is to be noted. Herbert Chapman used to say that only one who had lived in the dressing-room should have control of it. It was not a place for a director. I think he was right, and I would always put my trust in the competent old player as manager.

Why the game has not succeeded better at Bradford is hard to say. The competition of Rugby is a poor excuse. There was great enthusiasm when the City were redoubtable Cup fighters and when the Park Avenue club rose to the First Division. Those prosperous days can be brought back if the football is attractive enough and if a team arise to awaken public imagination.

Bradford had a greatly improved team last season, the best for several years, and it is possible that the players under Mr. Steele will now offer a strong challenge for a place at the top of the table.

### NORWICH ENTERPRISE

Norwich City continue to show remarkable enterprise. It may be wondered how they can afford to pay the fees for some of the transfers they have obtained during the past two or three years. The signing on of Taylor, the Wolverhampton back, was a surprise to me, and one may be sure that he cost a substantial sum. The result is that the club have now a team who should win considerable success.

I am specially interested in Russell, a young Scotsman, who has been obtained from Sunderland. I have often been told about his exceptional promise, and he would have left Roker Park some time ago if the club could have been persuaded to transfer him. His fee, too, would be substantial.

### Hardcourt Tennis Semi-Final To-day

George Choa not having sufficiently recovered to play off his quarter-final match, Wong Fuk-nam has been conceded a walk-over into the semi-final of the U.S.R.C. hardcourt tennis championship.

Wong will meet Tsui Wai-pui, holder of the title, to-day. The match commences at 4 p.m. and should prove an easy task for the champion.

## HOUGH PLANS A COME-BACK

"Social Stuff Wore Him Out"

London, Aug. 21. Frank Hough, the man who made "big time" and nearly killed himself with a one-flight-week programme, has put down his garden spade, shelved "Little Dorrit," and is training for another series of fights and a stab at the British cruiserweight title.

Hough, 26-year-old boxer who made the headlines in sport last winter and then disappeared from the limelight, is coming right back to "kill" anybody who will step into the ring at 12 st. 7 lb.

Frank reckons that it was fighting round over his weight, and the long round of social success that went with his boxing fame, that forced him to retire from the ring.

He had a fight a week at £100 a time and cleaned up £1,500 in three months. He nearly wore himself out doing it, but he has stuck to his money.

Now he's coming back. This is what he told a Sunday Chronicle reporter at his Putney home. "It wasn't so much the fighting that wore me out during those few months when I did a fight every week. It was all the social stuff that went with it, the charity balls, the dances, the personal appearances."

"Fighting's the thing that matters to me—not all the frills that go with it."

## Decathlon Champion Sued By Wife

Hollywood, Sept. 12. Claiming that her husband, Glenn Morris, world decathlon champion, brought his screen role of "Tarzan" into their home and that he mauled her in approved jungle style, Mrs. Charlotte Morris sued for divorce to-day.

Morris, who won the decathlon championship in the 1936 Olympic Games at Berlin, created a world record for the ten different track and field events. He was signed up by a movie studio to portray the role of "Tarzan."

His wife said that he had pummelled her unmercifully.—United Press.

## WOODERSON LOWERS WORLD RECORD FOR HALF-MILE

Crowd Of 5,000 See Astonishing Running At Motspur Park Track

MANY people disapprove of "record attempts" and "specially arranged handicaps," but no one will begrudge S. C. Wooderson his full mead of praise for being the first man to run half a mile in 1 min. 40.2 sec.

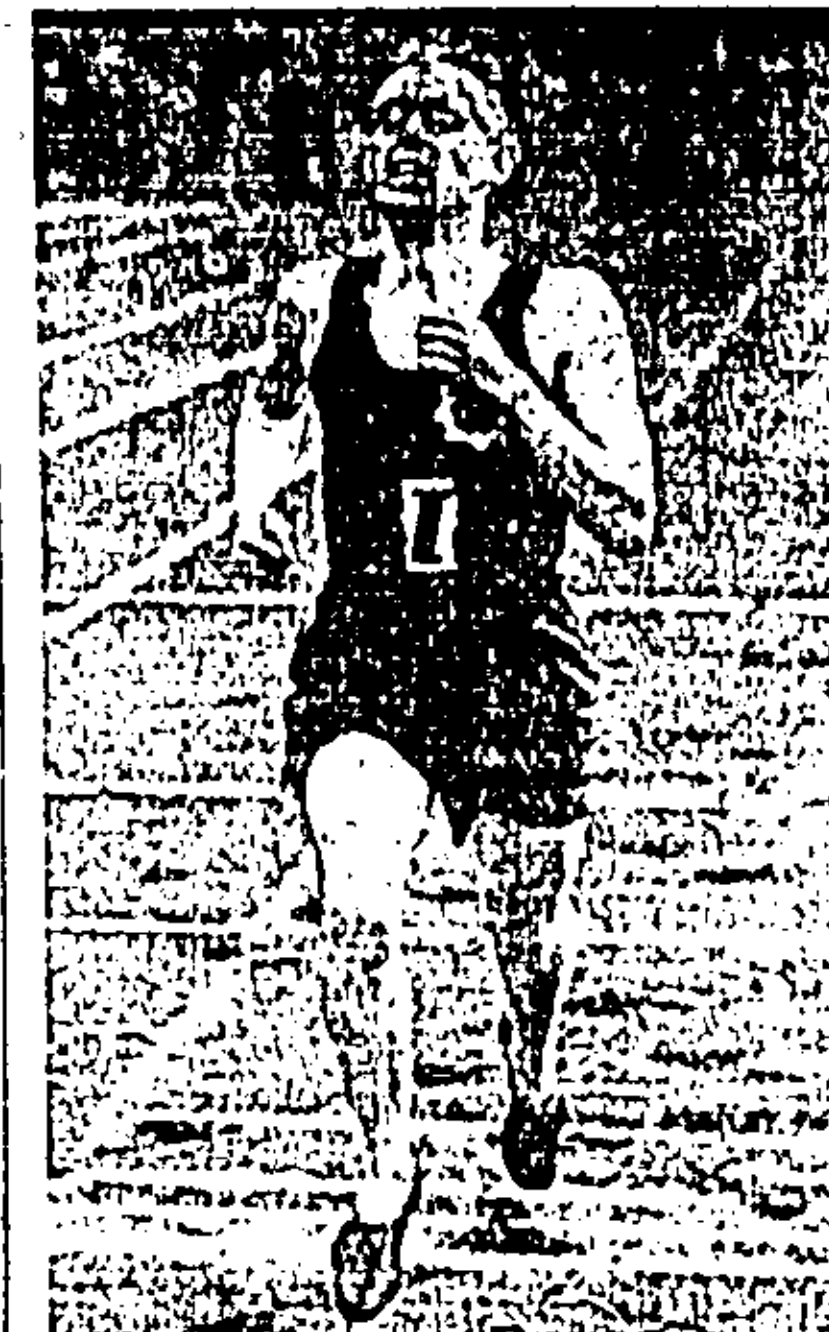
Wooderson avowedly set out on his 880 yards journey with the intention of bringing the world record back to his country, from which it has been absent for a period of 50 years. The mark at which he was shooting was 1 min. 40.6 sec., and Wooderson, who has always had a just appreciation of his own ability, believed that he could get just inside 1 min. 40 sec.

To assist in this enterprise the Blackheath Harriers invoked the aid of six athletes, who were given handicaps varying from 8 to 85 yards. On the latter mark was S. J. Wooderson, the champion's younger brother, who, incidentally, assisted him last year when he set up a new one mile world record.

Apart from the physical condition of a would-be-world record breaker—and that is a matter which lies entirely within his own power—two factors may militate against the achievement—state of the track and the weather.

### TRACK IN PERFECT CONDITION

The groundsmen at Motspur Park had the track, one of the best if not the best in England, in perfect trim. The weather gave us one or two anxious moments, but for the race



Wooderson as he was finishing his record-breaking run.

though, naturally, the pace slowed. He finished quite well, though it would be an exaggeration to say he was full of running. Wooderson caught all the handicap men except his younger brother, who passed the half-mile mark at the

### 50 YEARS' PROGRESS

min. sec.	F. J. K. Cross (G.B.)	Mar. 0, 1888
1 54.6	W. C. Dohm (U.S.A.)	Sept. 10, 1891
1 54.4	C. J. Kibb (U.S.A.)	Sept. 21, 1893
1 53.9	E. Langst (Italy)	Sept. 15, 1899
1 52.5	J. E. Meredith (U.S.A.)	July 5, 1912
1 52.2	J. E. Meredith (U.S.A.)	May 12, 1916
1 51.6	O. Feltzer (Germany)	July 3, 1924
1 50.9	D. Eastman (U.S.A.)	June 4, 1932
1 49.8	B. Eastman (U.S.A.)	June 16, 1934
1 49.6	F. Robinson (U.S.A.)	July 11, 1937
1 49.2	S. C. Wooderson (G.B.)	Aug. 20, 1938

there was not much wind and a crowd of 5,000 which thronged round the track abetted the runners from what wind was blowing.

It is not possible for an onlooker, however experienced he may be, to tell whether a quarter-mile has been run in 54 or 55 seconds, and when Wooderson was seen to be making no impression at all on the handicap men over the first 300 yards I wondered if he were not going too slowly.

At first it did not occur to me that the others were going too fast, but when it transpired that he had covered the first 440 yards in 52.6 sec. I was astounded.

This was astonishing running, but, despite that fact, Wooderson never lost his form over the second lap

moment that Wooderson reached the 880 metres.

I do not believe that the handicap helped Wooderson very much. He is sufficient of a genius to be able to run almost as fast as he can without any opposition.

### HOW RACE WAS RUN

Perhaps the best idea of the way the race was run is to give two sets of figures. In the left-hand column are the times which an athlete should accomplish in order to run half a mile in 1 min. 40.6 sec. and in the right-hand column are Wooderson's times:

Yds.	min. sec.	min. sec.
110	13.7	13.2
220	27.4	26.8
330	41.1	39.9
440	54.8	52.6
550	1 8.5	1 0.3

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## Baseball YANKEES CLINCH PENNANT

### In Spite Of Two Defeats

New York, Sept. 18. Though beaten twice to-day, the New York Yankees clinched the American Baseball League pennant to-day when cold postponed the game between the Boston Red Sox and Chicago White Sox, thus wiping it from the schedule.

The Yankees, in spite of their two defeats, are now so far ahead that they could lose all their remaining games and yet not be overtaken by any team in the American circuit.

Scores:

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	1	0	0
Brooklyn	4	0	0
Chicago	3	7	2
Brooklyn	3	0	0
(Slington homered for the Dodgers. The game was called in the fifth inning owing to darkness).			
Pittsburgh	1	9	1
Philadelphia	0	4	1
(Bauer pitched for the Pirates).			
Pittsburgh	1	7	0
Philadelphia	1	4	1
(Game was called in the fifth inning owing to darkness).			

The matches between St. Louis Cardinals and New York Giants, and between Cincinnati Reds and Boston Braves were postponed owing to rain.

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	3	10	4
Cleveland	7	9	0
(Moses and Chapman homered for the Athletics and Heath for the Indians).			
Philadelphia	14	14	0
Cleveland	3	0	2
(Moses homered for the Athletics).			
New York	3	7	1
St. Louis	4	8	0
New York	7	9	1
St. Louis	8	10	2
(Cliff homered twice for the Yankees).			
Washington	1	10	2
Detroit	8	14	0
(Bonura homered for the Senators).			

## OWNER THROWN AT THE VALLEY THIS MORNING

Mr. G. Trevorton, Private Secretary to H.E. The Governor, had an unfortunate experience on the race track at Happy Valley this morning.

While taking out his own Australian pony out for exercise, Mr. Trevorton was thrown near the two-mile post. He was unhurt.

## RAIN WASHES OUT U.S. TENNIS

Forest Hills, Sept. 18. Owing to rain, there was no play in the American National tennis championships to-day.—United Press.

## MANILA SHARES

The following quotations were received after the close of the morning session through Reuters:

Antamok	27 1/2	Unq.
Atok	24	Unq.
Baguio Gold	24	Unq.
Benguet	11 50	Unq.
Coco Grove	41	Unq.
Consolidated Mines	Unq.	Unq.
Demonstration	Unq.	Unq.
I.X.L.	64	Unq.
Paracale Gumaus	Unq.	Unq.
San Mauricio	70	Unq.
Suyoc	17 1/2	Unq.
United Paracale	32	Unq.

The following is Swan, Culbertson & Fritz' report on this morning's market:

The Manila Stock Exchange held an inactive session.



William Powell and Luise Rainer in "The Emperor's Candlesticks," showing now at the King's Theatre.

## SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning.

Banks	
H.K. Bank, \$1,425 b.	
H.K. Bank (Lon. Reg.), \$85 1/2 n.	
Chartered Bank, £10 1/2 n.	
Mercantile Bank, A. and B. £20 n.	
Mercantile Bank, C. £13 1/2 n.	
East Asia Bank, \$88 n.	
Insurance	
Canton Ins., \$220 n.	
Union Ins., \$507 1/2 b.	
China Underwriters, \$2 n.	
H.K. Fire Ins., \$205 n.	
Shipping	
Douglas, \$68 3/4 s.	
H.K. Steamships, \$21 1/2 s.	
Indo-Chinas (Pref.), \$60 n.	
Indo-Chinas (Def.), \$24 n.	
Shell Bearer, \$84 1/4 n.	
Union Waterboats, \$9.10 n.	
Docks Etc.	
H.K. & K. Wharves, \$128 1/2 sa.	
H.K. Docks (old), \$19 1/2 sa.	
H.K. Docks (new), \$19 n.	
Providents (old), \$6 3/4 n.	
Providents (new), \$6 1/2 n.	
New Engineering Sh., \$3.90 n.	
Shanghai Docks, Sh. \$125 n.	
Kailan Mining Adm., 15/6 n.	
Raub, \$9.70 n. ex. div.	
Venz Goldfield, \$3 n.	
Hongkong Mines, 7 1/2 cts. n.	
Philippine Mining	
Antamok, P., 37 1/2 sa.	
Atoks, P., 37 1/2 sa.	
Baguio Gold, P., 24 sa.	
Benguet Consol, P., —	
Coco Grove, P., 41 sa.	
Big Wedge, P., —	
Consolidated Mines, P., —	
Demonstrations, P., —	
E. Mindanao, P., —	
Gumaus G'fields, P., —	
Ipo Gold, P., —	
I.X.L., P., 64 sa.	
Itogons, P., —	
Min. Resources, P., —	
Northern Min., P., —	
Paracale Gumaus, P., —	
Salacot Mining, P., —	
San Mauricio, P., 70 sa.	
Suyoc Consol, P., 17 1/2 sa.	
United Paracales, P., 32 sa.	
Lands, Hotels, etc.	
H. and S. Hotels, \$6.80 n.	
H.K. Lands, 39 1/2 n.	
H.K. Lands, 4 1/2 Deben \$107 1/2 n.	
Shanghai Lands, Sh. \$8.40 n.	
Metropolitan Lands, Sh. —	
Humphries, \$10 n.	
H.K. Realities, \$5.70 n.	
Chinese Estates, \$98 n.	
Public Utilities	
H.K. Tramways, \$17 n.	
Peak Trams (old), \$6 3/4 b.	
Peak Trams (new), \$3 1/4 n.	
Star Ferries, \$77 1/2 n.	
Yaumati Ferries (old), \$24 1/4 n.	
Yaumati Ferries rights, \$24 n.	
China Light (old), \$11.05 n.	
China Light (new), \$8 1/4 n.	
H.K. Electric, \$59 n.	
Macao Electric, \$17 1/2 n.	
Sandakan Lights, \$9.35 b.	
Telephone (old), \$26 3/4 n.	
Telephone (new), \$9.35 n.	
China Buses, Sh. —	
Singapore Traction, s/- 20/3 n.	
Singapore Prof., s/- 20/3 n.	
Industrial	
Cald: Macg. (old), Sh. \$14 n.	
Cald: Macg. (Pref.), Sh. \$13 n.	
Canton Ices, \$1.70 n.	
Cements, \$17 1/2 n.	
H.K. Ropes, \$4.00 n.	
Stores, &c.	
Dairy Farms, \$25 3/4 n.	

## Wooderson Registers New Half Mile Mark

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It will be seen that with 220 yards to go Wooderson was nearly 2 sec. inside the schedule and that he lost about 1 1/2 sec. over that short distance to the finish. That shows how very much he was tiring.

I am convinced that given the right opportunity—a desperate race against the best opposition in the world—Wooderson can run even faster. How much faster I am not prepared to say, writes an English critic.

Incidentally, Wooderson broke the 800 metres record with 1min. 48.4 sec. He also broke the 800 metres European record and he set up new British and English native records for the half-mile.

For the purposes of comparison it is worth while mentioning that the previous world record holders over the last 50 years—and there have only been eight of them—all did their records in actual competition and in scratch races. Over 50 years the world record has been lowered by 5.4 sec. What will happen in the next half-century?

## WEEK-END GOLF RESULTS

The Happy Valley second summer singles final was won by A. V. Graves (14) who beat G. M. Park (7) by 3 and 2.

The Bogey Par Pool at Fanling, played over the week-end, was won by R. S. W. Paterson (18) with a score of three up. There were 28 entries.

Watsons, \$9 n.	
Lane Crawford's, \$8.70 n.	
Sincres, \$2.20 n.	
Wing On (H.K.), \$50 n.	
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Zoong Sing, Sh. \$24 n.	
Wing On Textiles, Sh. \$42 n.	
Miscellaneous	
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Constructions, \$1.00 n.	
Vibro Piling, \$6.85 n.	
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H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 6% p.m. b.	
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan 1 1/2% p.m. n.	
Wallace Harpers, —	
Marsmans (Lon.), s/- 13/— n.	
Marsmans Ins. (H.K.), s/- 3/4 n.	
Anglo Javans, —	
Consolidated China Providents (old), —	

## ARMY CHILDREN TO HOLD ANNUAL AQUATIC MEET

The Finals of the Annual Swimming Sports of the Army Children's Schools in Hongkong Area will take place at the U.S.R.C. Pool, by kind permission of the Committee, on Friday, 23rd September, 1938, at 3 p.m., admission being by invitation only.

The sports are held under the patronage of His Excellency Major-General A. W. Bartholomew, C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O., and Mrs. Bartholomew will distribute the prizes at the conclusion of the sports.

Competition is very keen between the Hongkong and Kowloon Schools for the various trophies, particularly the Championship Flag, presented for annual competition some time ago by Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. Last year it was won by Hongkong Schools.

In the Colony Inter-Schools Open Relay race for the Bartholomew Challenge Cup, the teams competing are Queen's College, La Salle College, Army Elder Children's School, Hongkong and Army Elder Children's School, Kowloon. The Competition is restricted to children under the age of 14 years.

## KEIO UNIVERSITY BEATS WASEDA AT TENNIS

Tokyo, Sept. 18. Keio University scored a sweeping victory over Waseda in their annual tennis duel held at the Waseda University courts here on Saturday and Sunday. Keio teams took all six events, including three doubles and three singles matches.—Domet.

## MUSSOLINI LAYS KEELS OF NEW P. I. SHIPS

Trieste, Sept. 19. To-day Signor Mussolini pressed an electric button and thereby laid the keels of three 8,000-ton cargo ships for the Philippines merchant marine. He later witnessed the launching of two 15,000-ton oil tankers and laid the keel to a second 35,000-ton battleship for the Italian Navy. It will be called the Roma.—United Press.

## SPORT ADVTs.

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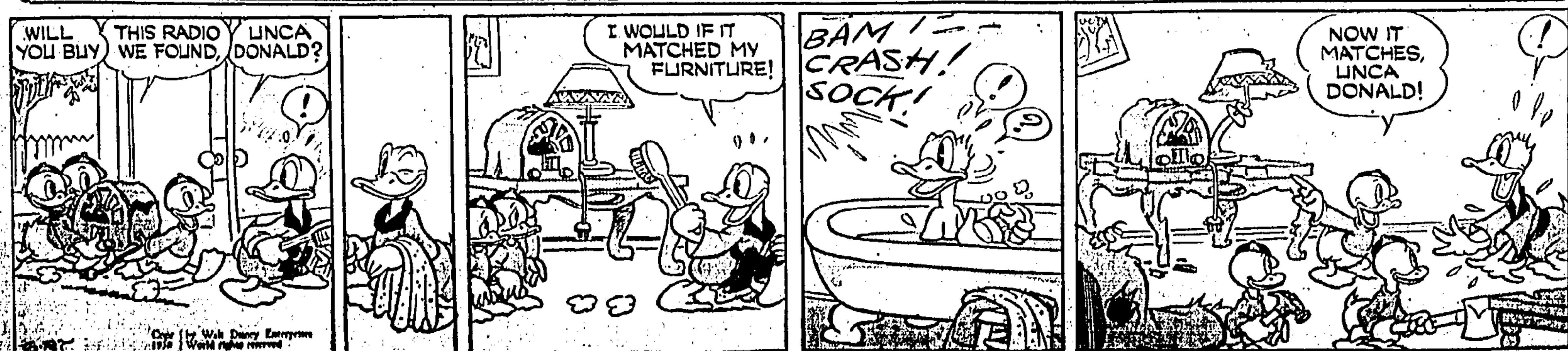
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# RUSSIA'S STEAM-ROLLER

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For the same adequate reason they are fairly confident that some face-saving settlement of the boundary dispute may in due course be expected. An intriguing question, using that over-worked adjective in its proper sense, is why the trouble ever arose.

Since neither Tokyo nor Moscow, as events have proved, wanted trouble on this score, why was it permitted to occur? One theory is that the local Japanese Army commanders, disgruntled by being in the front line whilst their professional colleagues basked in the limelight and high-explosive of the unofficial Chinese war, allowed ambition to run away with discretion.

Another and equally plausible theory is that the Japanese Army chiefs generally, in view of the fact that there have been sporadic frontier affrays at this spot for years, thought it might be a clever move to collar Changkufeng, a strategic key position, and that no special notice would be taken of the fact.

## Trying It On

But there is another theory, which certainly smacks rather of best-seller spy fiction, that cannot be altogether ruled out. It is that the Tokyo authorities were deeply impressed, when two months ago a Russian Army commander at Vladivostok deserted to their lines, by that officer's account of the state of the Red Army.

Why General Lukovsk crossed over to the Japanese is, of course, purely a matter of speculation. But the most tenable suggestion is that he suspected his name might be next on the Soviet's extensive purge list.

At any rate, his story of deep unrest, amounting even to mutiny, amongst the Russian troops, is said to have created a considerable impression on Japanese military chiefs, and it is conceivable they thought it might be quite a convenient opportunity to put the facts to a practical test by ostentatiously occupying Changkufeng. The results, it must be confessed, have not been quite up to sample.

In the end, before the truce was sounded, the Soviet troops had certainly checkmated the Japanese encroachments at most points, and had moreover, at least secured an equal footing on the key position at Changkufeng.

## "A Tough Guy"

This followed the arrival on the spot of Marshal Blucher, Moscow's Commander-in-Chief on the Eastern flank, who put a good deal more pep into the military operations on his side. Marshal Blucher is what across the Atlantic they would call "a tough guy."

But if the Soviet assigned its position at Changkufeng eventually, the Japanese certainly scored all the propaganda successes. This is remarkable in itself, since Moscow is the high school of this particular form of warfare, as many different countries could freely testify.

But the veil of silence which Moscow maintains over the Changkufeng operations enabled Tokyo to get across some distinctly damaging reports.

The Secret Soviet chiefs of many capitals would give their ears to know the real truth about Moscow's

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By "AN OLD STAGER"

Red Army. On paper it is the most formidable in Europe, with inexhaustible cadres, and a wealth of up-to-date equipment.

The French General Staff, then, when there are no shrewder judges, must have thought well of the Russians when France made that Franco-Russian pact which changed so radically the whole orientation of European diplomacy. But that was before the Army purge was launched, which may have not only fatally weakened the High Command but also undermined the morale of the entire fighting machine.

## Great Military Mystery

How far is that historic old Russian "steam-roller" nowadays an efficient and effective military instrument? Nobody knows. We are told the Russian guns and planes, and especially the anti-tank guns, proved excellent in Spain. But the information is that most of this Spanish equipment, though purchased with Russian money, came from America via Mexico.

We do know that Russia's agricultural tractors at one period littered the fields as broken-down derelicts. If the Soviet's agricultural equipment is faulty, or badly managed, what reason is there to expect any better efficiency in such delicate things as tanks and planes?

And even granting that the latter may be better controlled, how about the morale and discipline of the Russian Army's rank and file? It must surely kill the vital spirit de

corps to have secret police serving in those ranks, and destroying all confidence between comrades in the same service?

Those questions of the Soviet's potential value as a fighting ally—or enemy—is a very important one in the present condition of Europe, and its moral effect, to keep Nazi Germany's ambitions within due bounds. If the Soviet's steam-roller is a myth, as was the Tsar's, tremendously more strain is placed at once on the Anglo-French entente.

It cannot, therefore, be a matter of indifference to us and our Downing Street arbiters of national destiny. This is emphasised all round by the fact that Germany's real ambitions, as is well recognised both in London and Paris, lie not in Czechoslovakia but in the Ukraine.

## Food-Power Wanted

Germany, now she has added Austria to the Reich, has as much man-power as she can profitably utilise either for peace or war. What Berlin needs, and where else shall Germany's alert rulers look for this except in the rich wheat-fields of the Ukraine?

We all hope and pray there may be no more Great Wars. But, if this faith proves illusory, the most probable one would be between Germany and Russia—unless, as some astute-looking suspect, eventually Germany makes an alliance with her Slavonic neighbour.

In either of those eventualities the reality of Moscow's fighting cadres must be a question of the most vital international concern.

The interesting point is how far the Japanese, in the Changkufeng affair, have thrown any reliable light on the problem. They have been prodding the Russian bear, and the military information thus elicited may even now be in possession of highly interested third parties.

# FOOTBALL HUMOUR

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HAPPENINGS  
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Scientists from all over the world—at least three thousand strong—recently "invaded" Cambridge for this year's meeting of the British Association. Here are some of them interviewed by the news-camera. Above: Mr. P. Deraniyagala, a former Cambridge boxing blue, and his wife. Below: Dr. F. W. Edridge-Green (right), a special examiner and adviser to the Board of Trade on vision and colour vision, talking to Mr. P. Duval.



## 3,000 Scientists Invade Cambridge



THIS member is only a short cycle-ride away from the meeting. He is Dr. G. F. C. Searle, who for 47 years has been a lecturer in experimental physics at Cambridge.



## Injured Queen Carries On

Although she was suffering pain from a rib damaged in a riding accident, Miss Margot Sewill, Queen of Southend's Hospital Carnival, led the three-mile procession of decorated cars through the streets of the town recently. She is shown here with the leaders of the team of horses which drew her coach before she joined the procession.



FIVEYEAR-OLD ROY WALLACE provided the works for this alarm clock, one of the costumes in the Tiny Tots' Parade at Hastings Hospital Gala.



## Holding The Babies

Of all the strange situations he has acted on the stage and screen, Sidney Howard must have found the job of Zoo nursemaid a novelty—even for him. He went to the Children's Zoo to name one of the tiger cubs. He soon made friends (above) with a little pig, but (right) seemed doubtful how to handle the tiger, the chief guest at the party.



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## GRIM CLUES INVESTIGATED FOR S.S. POLICE

### Detective's Murder Recalled By Analyst

Grim clues to suspected crimes are discussed in precise and formal manner in a Government report just issued. Murder as well as petty crime is recalled, and the report is a striking illustration of how the police of Malaya are turning to science in their fight against law-breakers.

The report, that of the Government Analyst, Mr. M. Jamieson, details his investigations during the past year.

A wide assortment of garments, chopppers, knives, poles, lorry-wheels, scissors, razors, hammers, newspapers, chains, keys, planks, etc., was submitted by the police for examination says the report. There were in all 181 exhibits; blood was identified in 95 exhibits and demonstrated to be human in 76 exhibits.

In two cases where the information was significant to the inquiry the blood was found not to be human. In another case dog's blood was identified on a chain. This finding was relevant to a question at issue as to whether the dog when shot had been chained up.

Human hairs were found (and identified) associated with three of these bloodstained exhibits. Dust or dirt was also examined in two cases, but nothing significant was disclosed.

Tissue removed from the bumper of a lorry proved to contain small human hairs. Some of these were demonstrated to be in rooted organic association with remaining tissue indicating that the latter was human skin.

#### MURDERED-DETECTIVE

Hairs were examined in the case of the murder of a detective to see whether any opinion could be expressed as to the individual from whom these originated. As the "sample" hairs from the two individuals concerned were indistinguishable no information could be obtained.

Information was given comparing hairs found in a dressing table tin of a murdered prostitute with a hair found on a bloodstained cloth collected on the scene of crime.

In connection with a fatal motor car accident a small black deposit scraped from the front bumper of a car was compared with the black painting on the bicycle involved in the accident. Both were found to be black asphaltic enamel and to behave similarly on treatment with certain solvents and reagents.

A ringlet was submitted for identification as to the circumstances of pistol shooting. This was demonstrated to have been done in the back and from a range not more than two feet.

Black trousers were examined (along with other clothing examined) as to human and dog bloodstains, in a case of death from shotgun wounds. In order to establish the range of shooting, which was a point at issue in the evidence and one of the utmost significance. From observation of the spread of the shot obtained at various ranges using the same weapon and similar cartridges, the range was established at about 20 feet.

In four cases of suspected mischief yellow clay soil was found in the lubricating oil of a motor car which had suffered; soap was found in a plate of food; a suspected grape fruit proved to be innocent and road

#### ANONYMOUS LETTERS

Of five cases of alleged cheating, two concerned similar exhibits namely "gold" wristbands made actually of copper and covered with a casing of 47 per cent. gold; one concerned a bar of "gold" made of copper coated with gold; and one concerned "gold" bracelets made actually of brass.

The report also tells how the type-writer used for some anonymous letters was traced. Photographic enlargements were made of the critical letters and police were able to find the particular type-writer.

A very different kind of investigation was made to ascertain the amount of adulteration of ghee. As a result an importer was warned that ghee he had been offered was adulterated with vegetable oil.

### Pickpocket Picked On Wrong Victim

#### Police Inspector Was His Customer

Even the best of criminals make mistakes, but to try and steal something from a police officer, of all people, surely that's asking for it.

While Acting Sub-Inspector J. H. Edwards was taking the evening air down Queen's Road, Central, on Friday, he was approached by a Chinese who asked him for help.

Whether it was the way of asking which made Mr. Edwards suspicious or the movement of the supplicant's hand was not revealed at the Central Magistracy, where Lau Hoi-wan, 20, unemployed found himself to-day.

And three months' hard labour was the answer he heard from the Magistrate—for trying to steal a policeman's fountain pen.

### STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 12.30 p.m. Saturday, says:  
There is no change to report.  
Buyers:  
Hongkong Bank \$1,425  
Union Insurance \$407½  
Providentia (Old) \$6.65  
I.L.C. Lands \$37½  
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Dunlop \$58½  
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I.L.C. Realty \$37½  
I.L.C. Tramways \$16.00  
Dairy Farms \$23½

### Police Raid Counterfeiters

#### SEVERAL MEN GET STIFF TERMS

Two of the persons apparently responsible for the introduction of counterfeit coins in the Colony were severely dealt with at the Criminal Sessions this morning, each being sentenced to three years' hard labour. They were Yim Sau, 28, and Li Yung, 24, and the charges against them were possession of ten counterfeit ten-cent coins, 104 counterfeit five-cent pieces and a number of moulds for counterfeiting purposes. They pleaded guilty.

#### Woman Caught

Sentence of two years' hard labour was imposed on a woman, Chun Siu, by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams at the Criminal Sessions this morning, for the possession of 1,978 counterfeit 10-cent coins. She was arrested on August 19 at Wing Kat Street.

Chun pleaded guilty to the charge, but said the coins did not belong to her.

Before passing sentence, his Lordship said that the evidence showed that defendant had visited the Colony very frequently during the last five years. He accepted her statement that she was only carrying the coins for someone, but even so, she must have known she was committing an offence.

Mr. J. B. Prentiss, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted.

#### Refugee Convicted

A young Chinese, Li Chi-shing, 25, unemployed, appeared before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams at the Criminal Sessions this morning, charged with making 647 counterfeit five-cent pieces and 42 counterfeit 10-cent pieces, possession of 689 counterfeit coins and possession of eight moulds for counterfeiting.

Pleading guilty to all counts, defendant was sentenced to five years' hard labour on the first, and to three years on both the second and third, the sentences to be served concurrently.

Mr. J. B. Prentiss, Assistant Crown Solicitor, said it was an exceptionally bad case. Defendant had been caught in the act of making the coins at a very large number of coins were found. The paraphernalia for counterfeiting was very comprehensive and a very large number of coins could be made.

His Lordship, sentencing defendant, said that defendant had professed to be a refugee when he came to Hongkong.

"This is the way you have shown your gratitude to the Colony," he concluded.

#### NAVAL PENSIONER INJURED

A naval pensioner named John Shaw, 62, residing in Nathan Road, received injuries to his forehead when he slipped and fell down yesterday. He was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital for treatment.

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